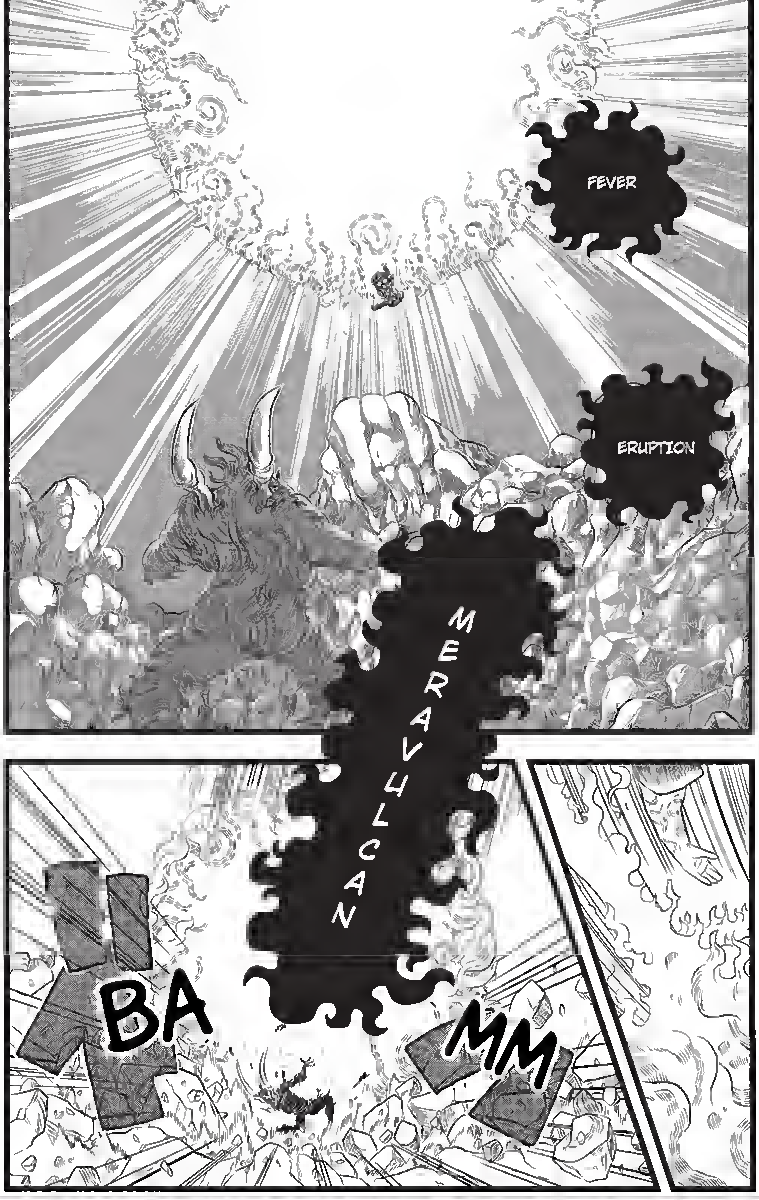
BASH

TCH.
SO, THERE WERE SURVI-VORS...


FEVER
ERUPTION
MERAVULCAN
BA
MM

!!
B...OOOOOOM
SLUMP...
STRA! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
WHINE

SUU...
WHAT A TEMPERATURE... I'M ADMINISTERING AN ANTIPYRETIC IT MIGHT HURT A BIT, BUT BEAR WITH IT
LET'S HURRY. WE CAN'T STAY HERE FOR TOO LONG.

HMM...
SNIIIIIIIIIFFFFFFF
THIS SCENT...
COULD IT BE...?

邪風のストラ
STRA
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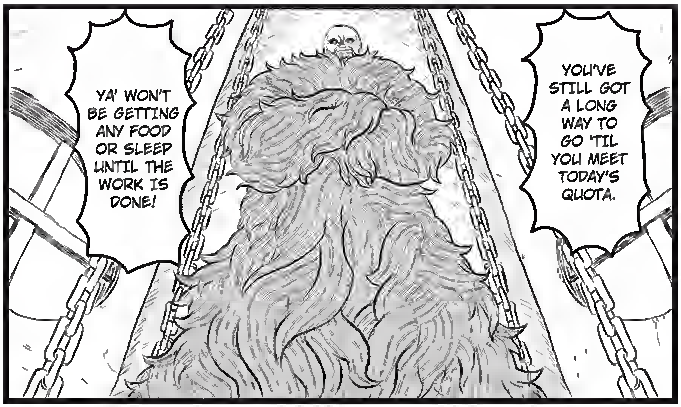
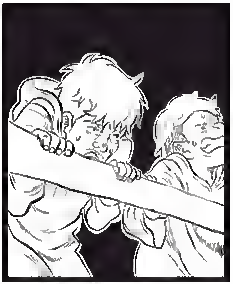
THIS TOWN WAS ONCE GREEN WITH TREES AND GRASS, AND THE INHABITANTS LIVED SIMPLE, HAPPY LIVES
THIS IS THE DEMON FACTORY.
WHAT'S TAKIN' SO LONG!?
THAT IS .. UNTIL THE DEMONS APPEARED.
RATTLE
RATTLE

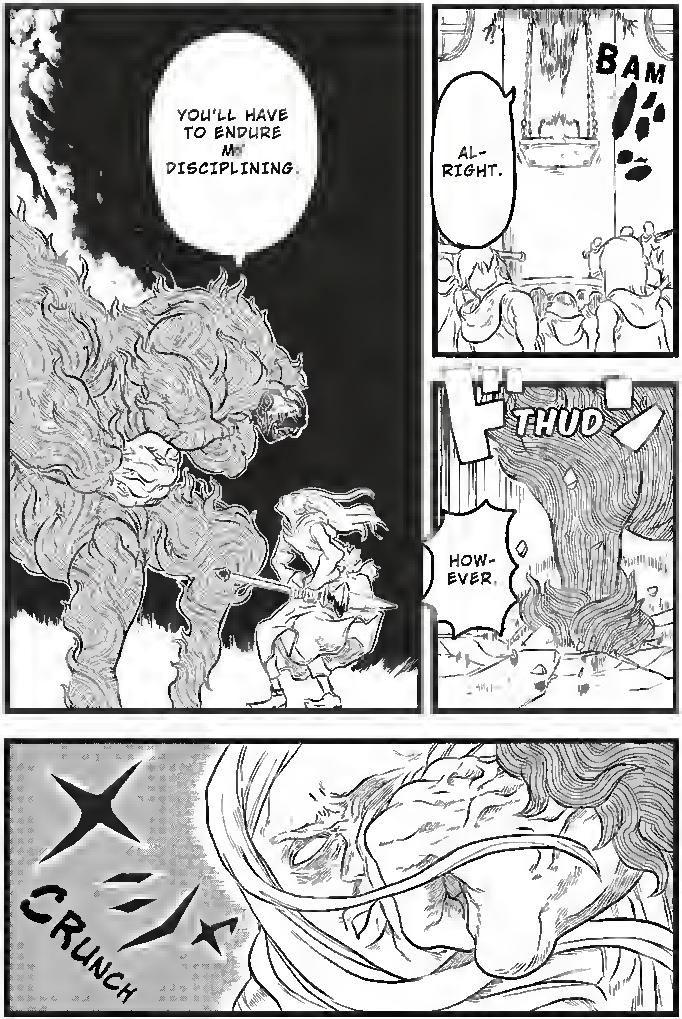

YA' WON'T BE GETTING ANY FOOD OR SLEEP UNTIL THE WORK IS DONE!
YOU'VE STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO 'TIL YOU MEET TODAY'S QUOTA.



SLAVES
TO US DEMONS, YOU HUMANS ARE NOTHING BUT. .
GOT THAT?
ARE YOU OKAY?
BIG... B. BRO-THER . WATER ..
KRSHHH
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
OI OI.

DEMON-SAMA!
PLEASE LET MY LITTLE BROTHER HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF WATER!
HOW DARE YOU BE SO RECKLESS WITH THE FUEL...
WE HAVE NO USE FOR HUMANS THAT CAN'T WORK
THWP
WOOSH
THUD

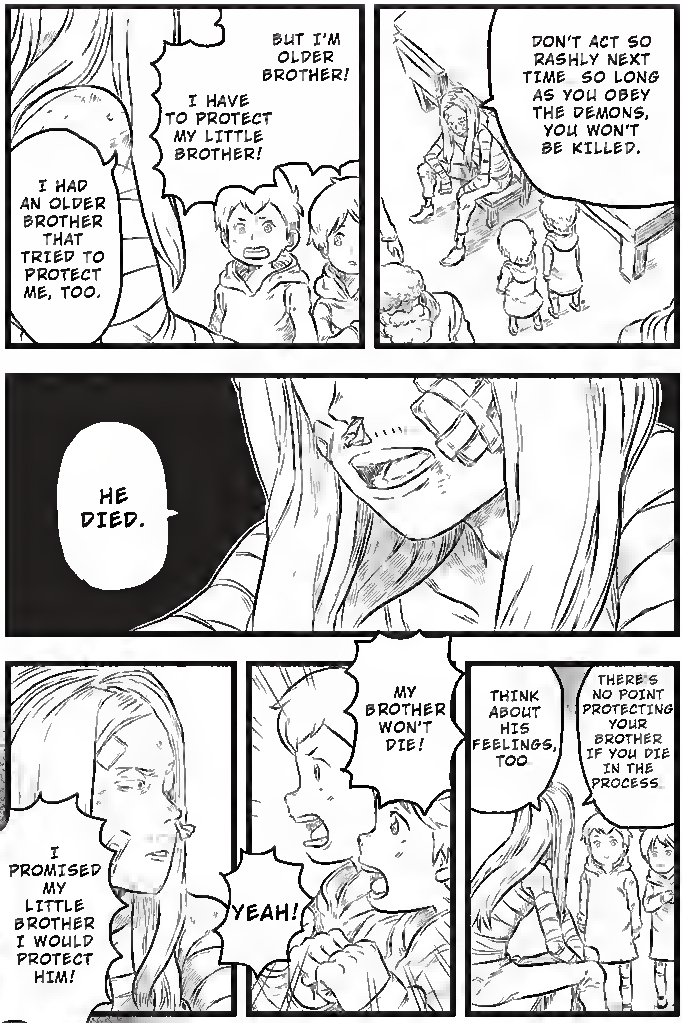
I'll WAM!
OI OI.
DON'T GET IN THE WAY, UNLESS YOU WANT TO DIE, TOO.
THESE KIDS HAVE A PROMISING FUTURE... I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO LOSE THEM NOW.
...
I IMPLORE YOU TO OVERLOOK IT THIS TIME.
DRIP


YOU'LL HAVE TO ENDURE MY DISCIPLINING.
BAM
AL-RIGHT.
THUD
HOW-EVER.
CRUNCH

ドドド
BOK
WHK
ゴゴ
THK
THK
ゴゴ
BOK
ゴゴゴ
KR
ドド
WHK
ゴゴ
R
ニノヤ
AK

HEY GRANNY! YOUR FINGER'S IN THE BOWL AGAIN!
NOW, NOW, THAT'S MY SECRET RECIPE
SORRY.
I WANNA EAT SOME-THING TASTY...
HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THIS...
YOWCH!

THANK YOU FOR EARLIER!
OH,
DON'T MENTION IT. IT'S JUST A SCRATCH
SCRUB
...
MY NAME'S JOE. THIS IS MY LITTLE BROTHER, POE.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND BEFORE, MISTER. WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
I'M RUDOLPH, FROM HALLOWTOWN.. NOT THAT KIDS YOUR AGE WOULD KNOW WHERE THAT IS...
THERE, DONE.
SEE? IT DOESN'T HURT A BIT.
OWOW OWOW OWOW OWOW OWOW OW...
THROB
WE'RE SORRY! IT'S ALL OUR FAULT!


I HAD AN OLDER BROTHER THAT TRIED TO PROTECT ME, TOO.
I HAVE TO PROTECT MY LITTLE BROTHER!
BUT I'M OLDER BROTHER!
DON'T ACT SO RASHLY NEXT TIME. SO LONG AS YOU OBEY THE DEMONS, YOU WON'T BE KILLED.
HE DIED.
I PROMISED MY LITTLE BROTHER I WOULD PROTECT HIM!
YEAH!
MY BROTHER WON'T DIE!
THINK ABOUT HIS FEELINGS, TOO
THERE'S NO POINT PROTECTING YOUR BROTHER IF YOU DIE IN THE PROCESS.

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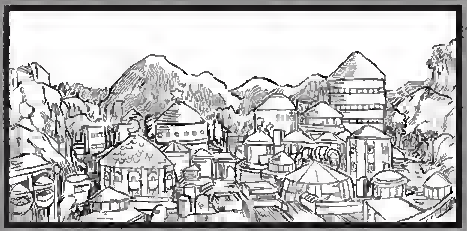
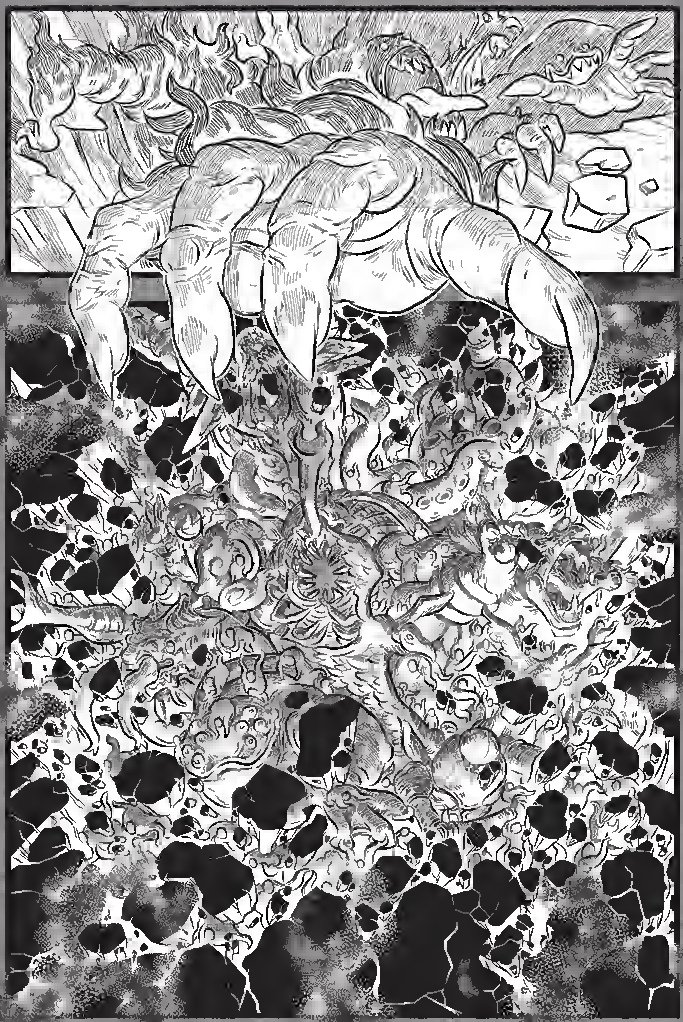
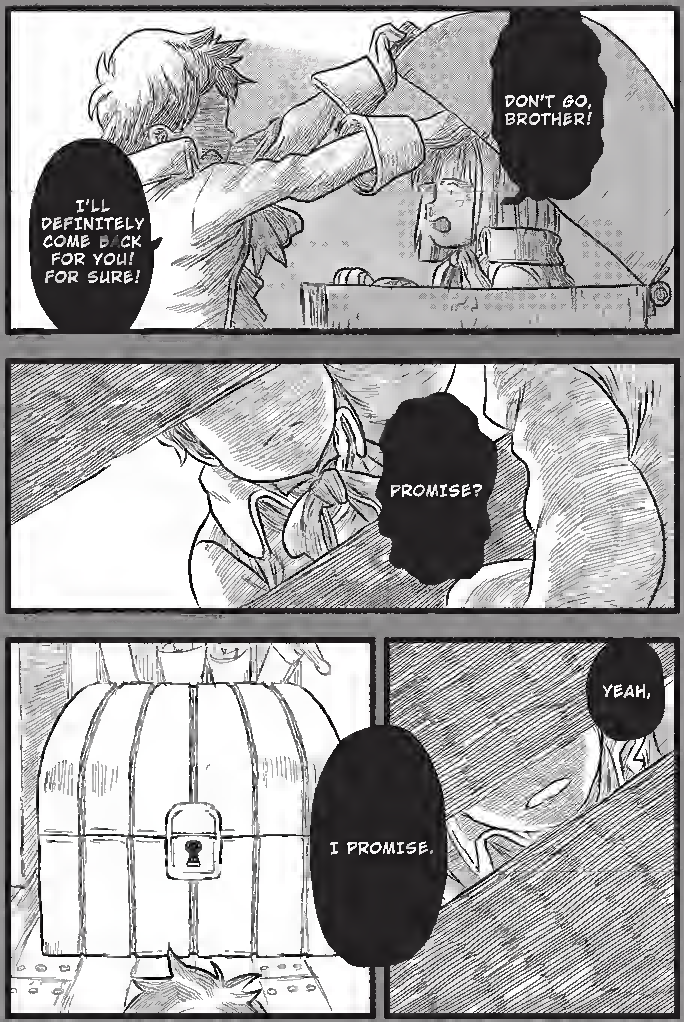
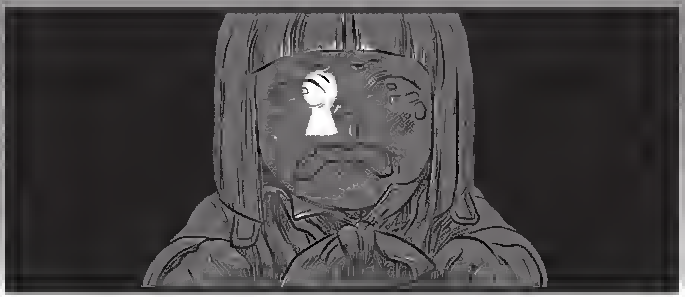
200

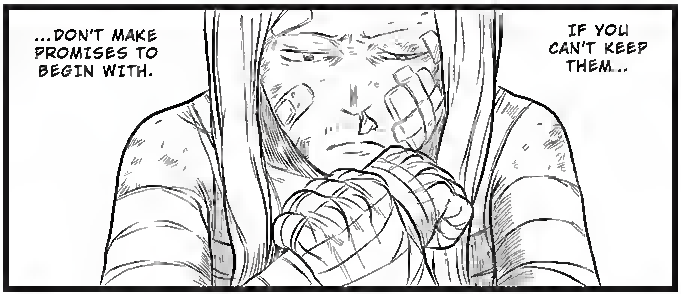


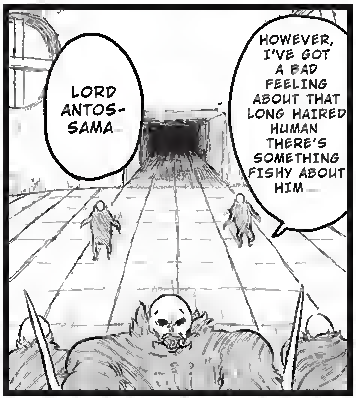


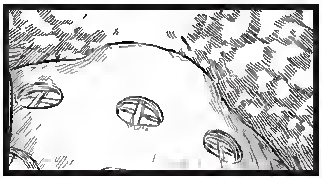
HIDE WITH ME, BROTHER...
I CAN'T, THEY CAN SENSE MAGIC.
HIDE IN HERE, RUDOLPH.

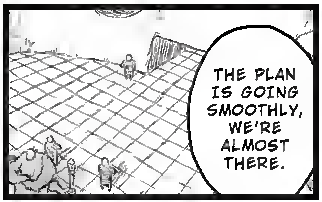

DON'T GO, BROTHER!
I'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK FOR YOU! FOR SURE!
PROMISE?
YEAH,
I PROMISE.



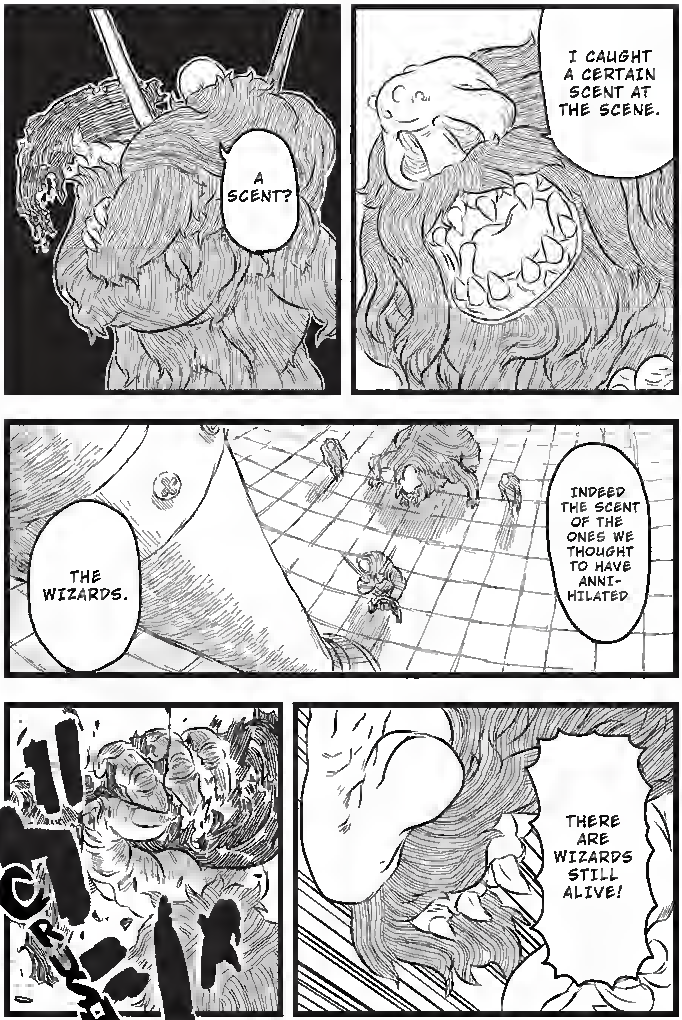

...DON'T MAKE PROMISES TO BEGIN WITH.
IF YOU CAN'T KEEP THEM..


LORD ANTOS-SAMA
HOWEVER, I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THAT LONG HAIRED HUMAN THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT HIM

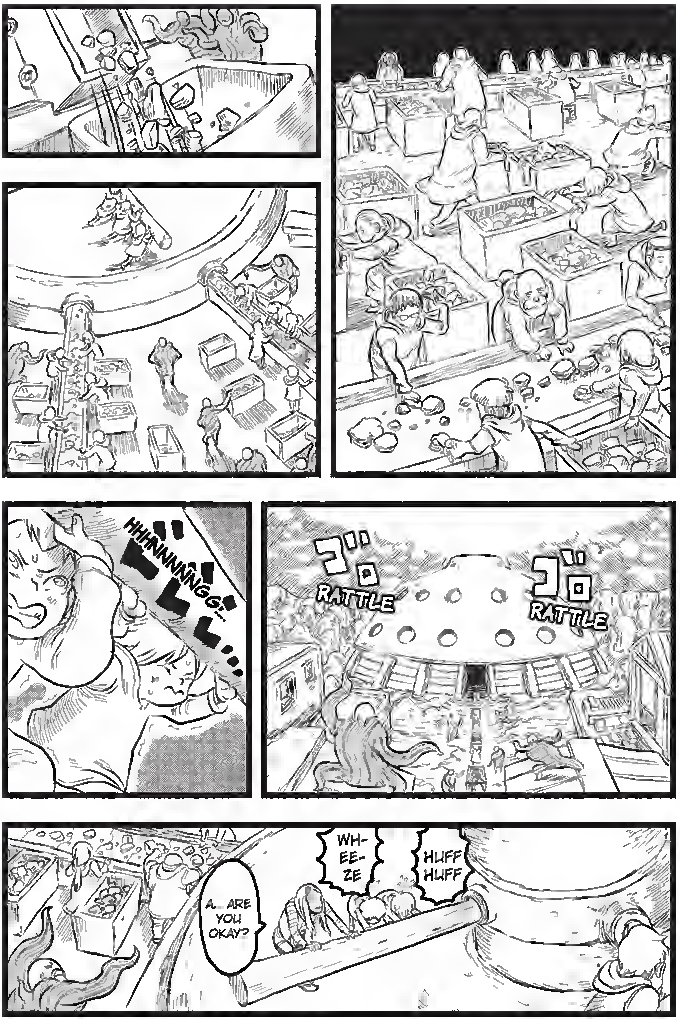



THE PLAN IS GOING SMOOTHLY, WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? YOU SHOULD BE ON GUARD DUTY OUTSIDE.
AH?
LORD BARKUN -SAMA HAS ARRIVED.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
CLOMP
!
HE WAS BURNT TO A CRISP.
THAT'S FROM A DEMON THAT WAS PATROLLING THE PERIMETER


A SCENT?
I CAUGHT A CERTAIN SCENT AT THE SCENE.
THE WIZARDS.
INDEED THE SCENT OF THE ONES WE THOUGHT TO HAVE ANNI-HILATED
CRUSH
THERE ARE WIZARDS STILL ALIVE!

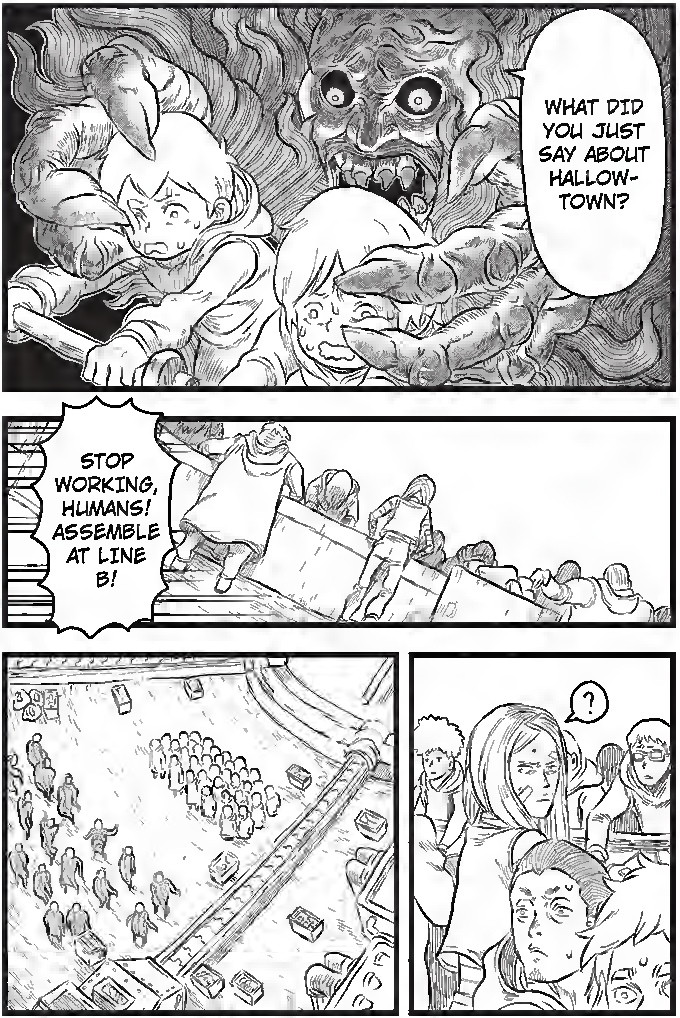
WIZARDS...
...MUST BE EXTERMINATED.

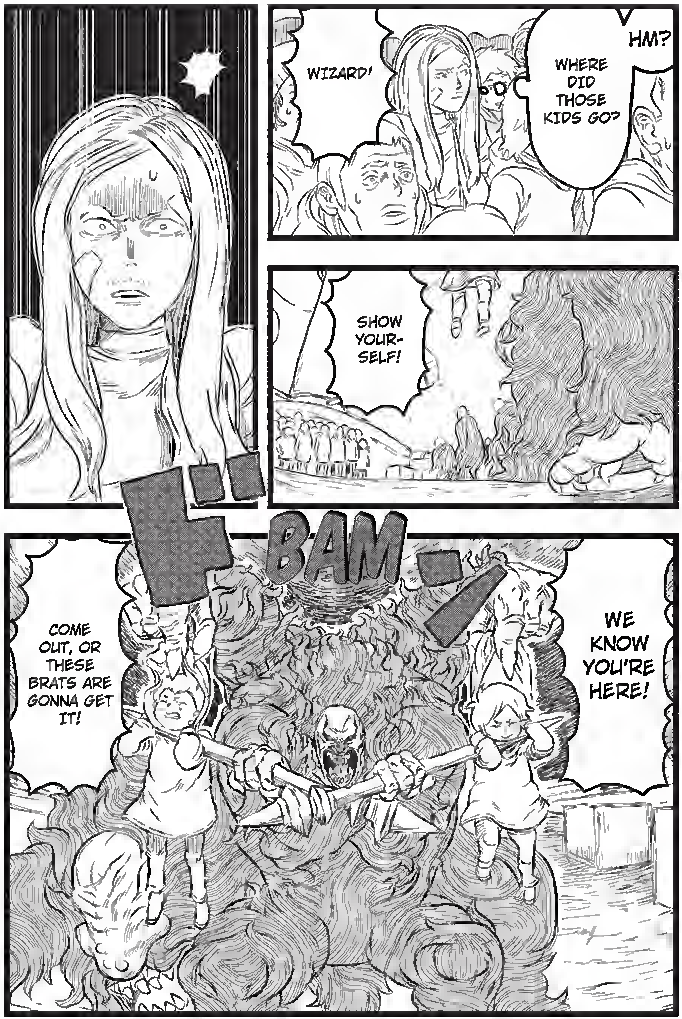

HHHNNNNNGG...
ゴロ
RATTLE
ゴロ
RATTLE
WH-EE-ZE
HUFF HUFF
A... ARE YOU OKAY?

ROLL

AH...
ABOUT THE TOWN THAT GUY WAS TALKING ABOUT.
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT DAD TOLD US AGES AGO?
WHAT?
RATTLE
RATTLE
HEY BRO, I JUST RE-MEMBERED SOME-THING.
PAUSE...
THAT'S THE TOWN WHERE THE WIZARDS LIVE, HALLOWTOWN RIGHT?
WHY? WE MIGHT GET SAVED, YOU KNOW.
DON'T SAY ANY MORE!
IDIOT!

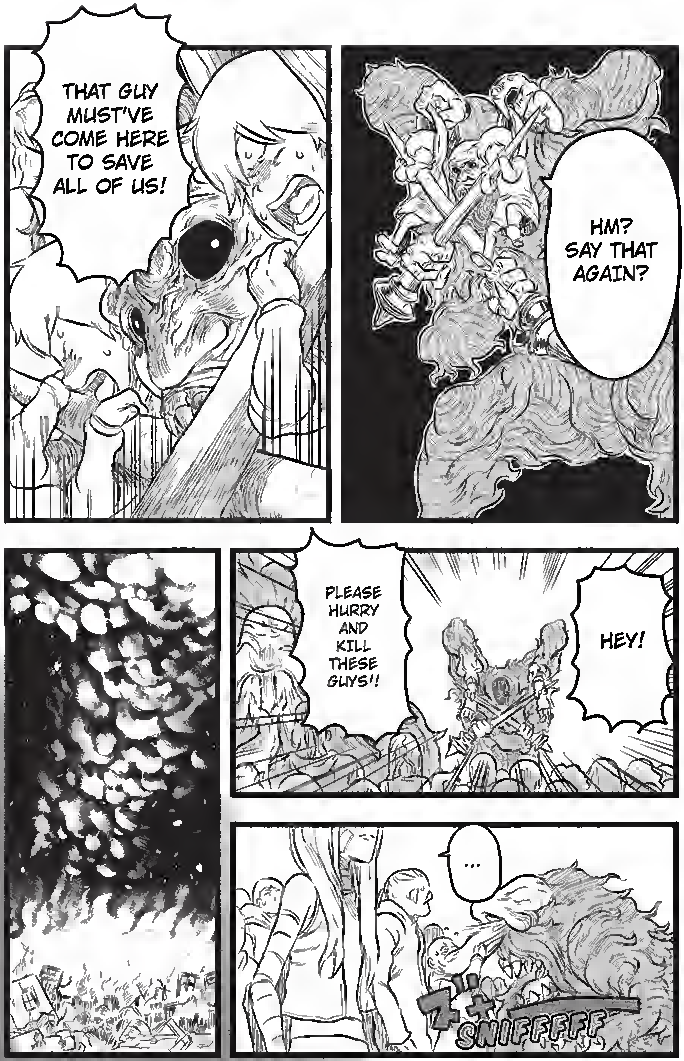
HE SAID THAT THE WIZARDS WERE THE ONLY ONES THAT COULD FIGHT THE DEMONS
THE DEMONS WERE AFRAID OF THE HUMANS REBELLING,
SO THE VERY FIRST PLACE THEY ATTACKED WAS HALLOW-TOWN...
MAYBE THAT GUY WAS...
I SAID STOP TALKING! OR ELSE, LIKE DAD, YOU'LL BE...
GASP
OI.

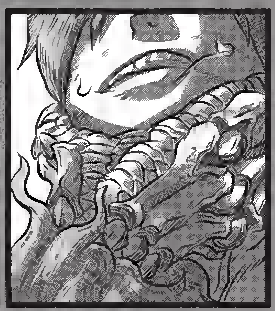

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY ABOUT HALLOW-TOWN?
STOP WORKING, HUMANS! ASSEMBLE AT LINE B!
?

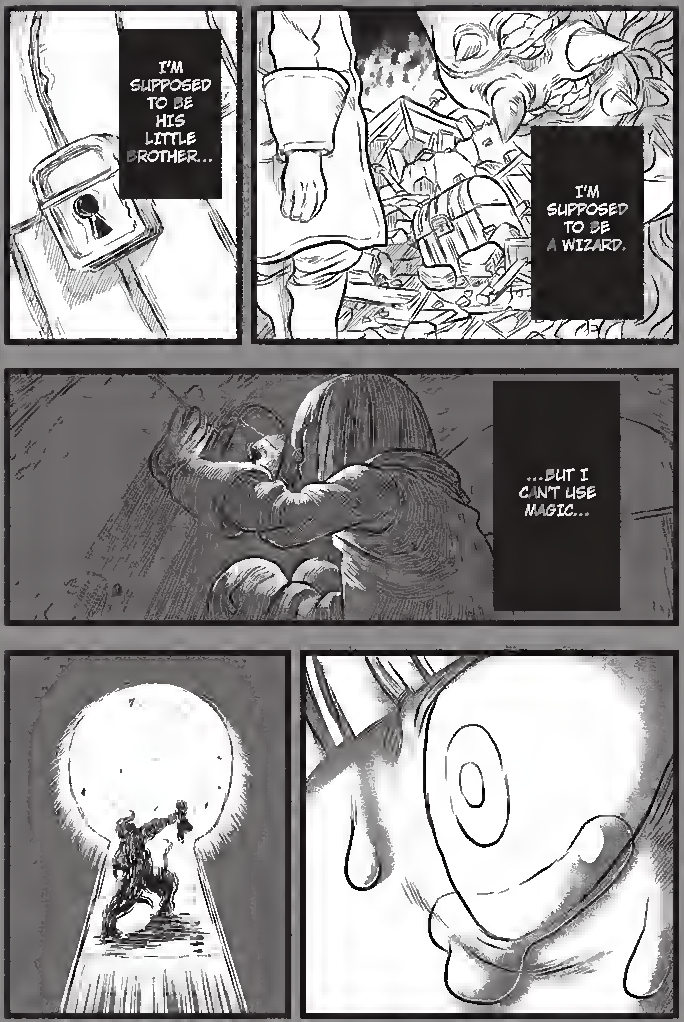

WIZARD!
HM?
WHERE DID THOSE KIDS GO?
SHOW YOUR-SELF!
BAM
COME OUT, OR THESE BRATS ARE GONNA GET IT!
WE KNOW YOU'RE HERE!

SNIFF
WUH
EVEN IF YOU DON'T SHOW YOURSELF, I CAN FIND YOU BY YOUR SCENT.
WILL THE BRATS DIE FIRST,
OR WILL I FIND THE WIZARD FIRST?
URH
UH
OW OW
SNIFF
SNIFF
UHG
EEI
SNIFFFF
NOW, WHICH WILL IT BE?

...WHO IS IT?
SO, THE WIZARD...
WE'LL NEVER SAY!

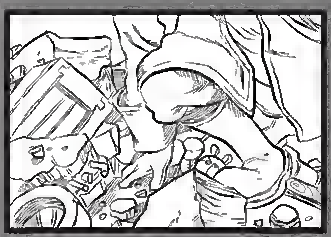

THAT GUY MUST'VE COME HERE TO SAVE ALL OF US!
HM? SAY THAT AGAIN?
PLEASE HURRY AND KILL THESE GUYS!!
HEY!
...
SNIFFFFF

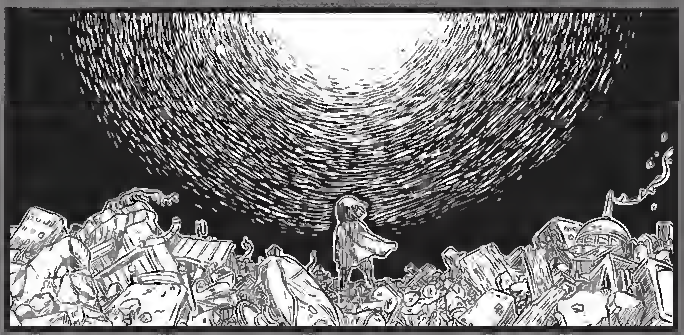



I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HIS LITTLE BROTHER...
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A WIZARD.
...BUT I CAN'T USE MAGIC...

...SO I LOST MY TOWN...

...AND I LOST MY BROTHER.

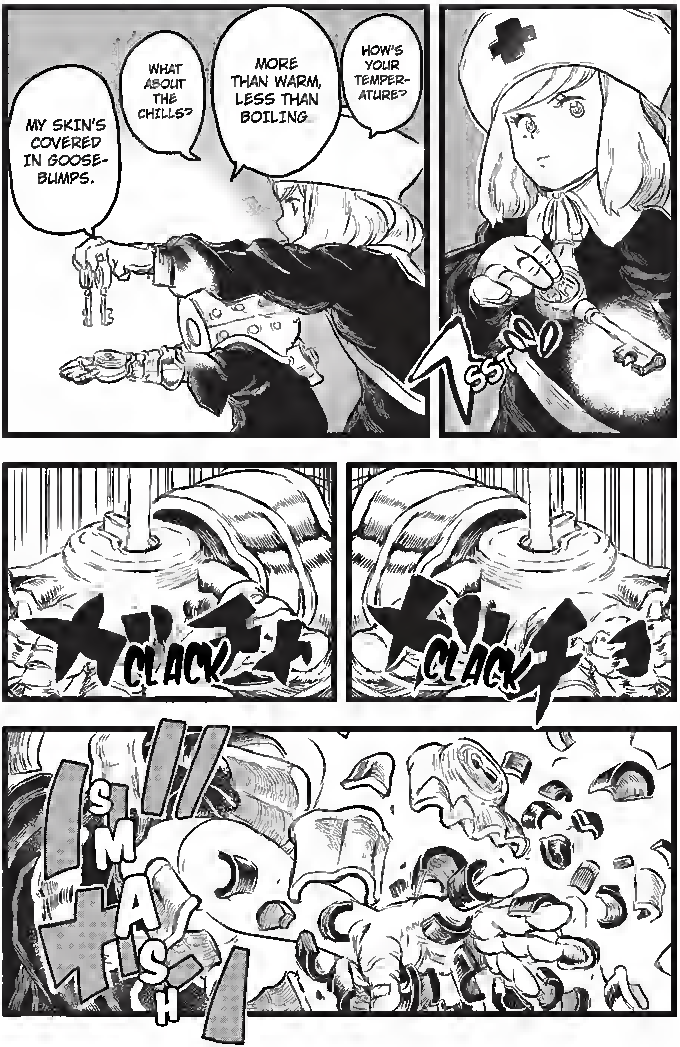




I CAN'T LET SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN BECAUSE OF ME...
MY FAULT...
HAHAH!
BINGO!
I CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN...

HACHOO
I'M THE WI RD RE KING FOR—
OP
AH?

COUGH
COUGH
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE IN PERFECT CONDITION.
I'VE NEVER FELT BETTER.
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?
STOP GETTING EXCITED BY EVERY LITTLE THING!
rabble
MY VOICE WAS DROWNED OUT...?
rabble
WEREN'T THERE DEMONS GUARDING THE ENTRANCE?
HOW DID THEY GET IN HERE?


HOW'S YOUR TEMPER-ATURE?
MORE THAN WARM, LESS THAN BOILING.
WHAT ABOUT THE CHILLS?
MY SKIN'S COVERED IN GOOSE-BUMPS.
SSTT
CLACK
CLACK
SMASH

ヒュオオオオ
SIZZLE
ボボボボ
SIZZLE
THIS SMELL!
MAGIC?
FEVER
ERUPTION

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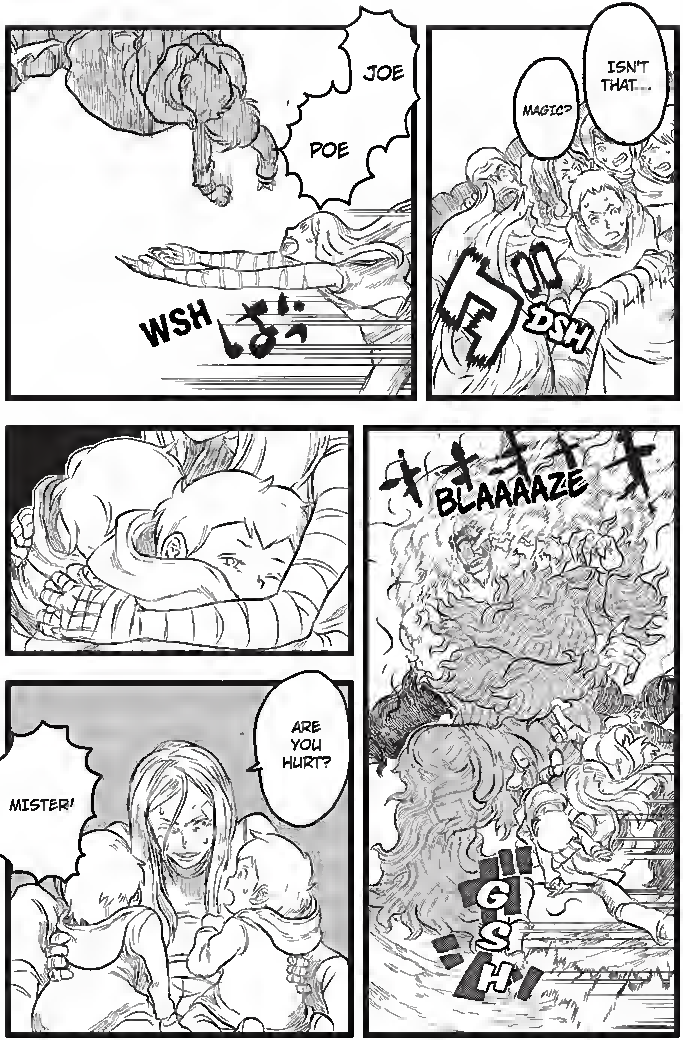
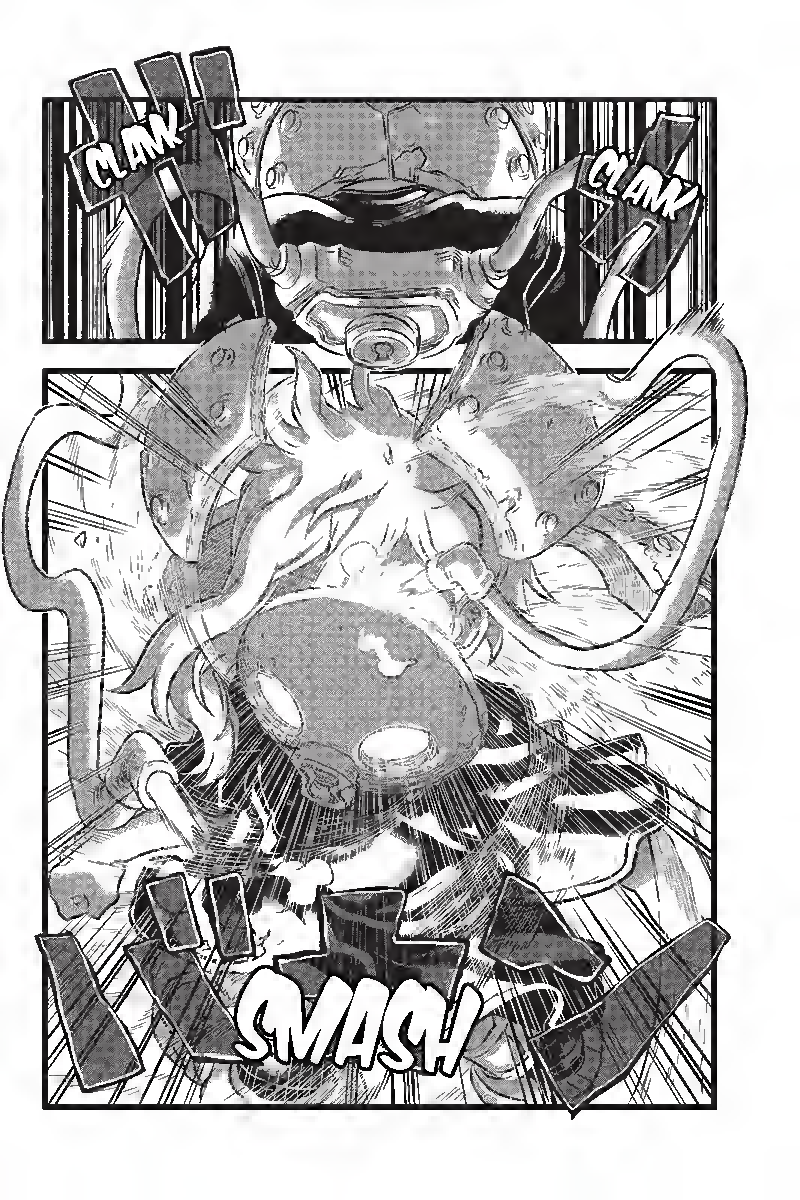

JOE
POE
WSH
ISN'T THAT...
MAGIC?
DASH
BLAAAAZE
GASH
ARE YOU HURT?
MISTER!

SO...
BLAAZE
IT WAS YOU...
BRRR
...WITH THE FIRE MAGIC! YOU'RE THE CULPRIT!
GWAH

IT'S A WIZARD!
A... WIZ-ARD...
WE'RE... WE'RE GONNA BE SAVED!
COLD
CHILLS
ガクガク
SHIVER
ブルブル
SHIVER

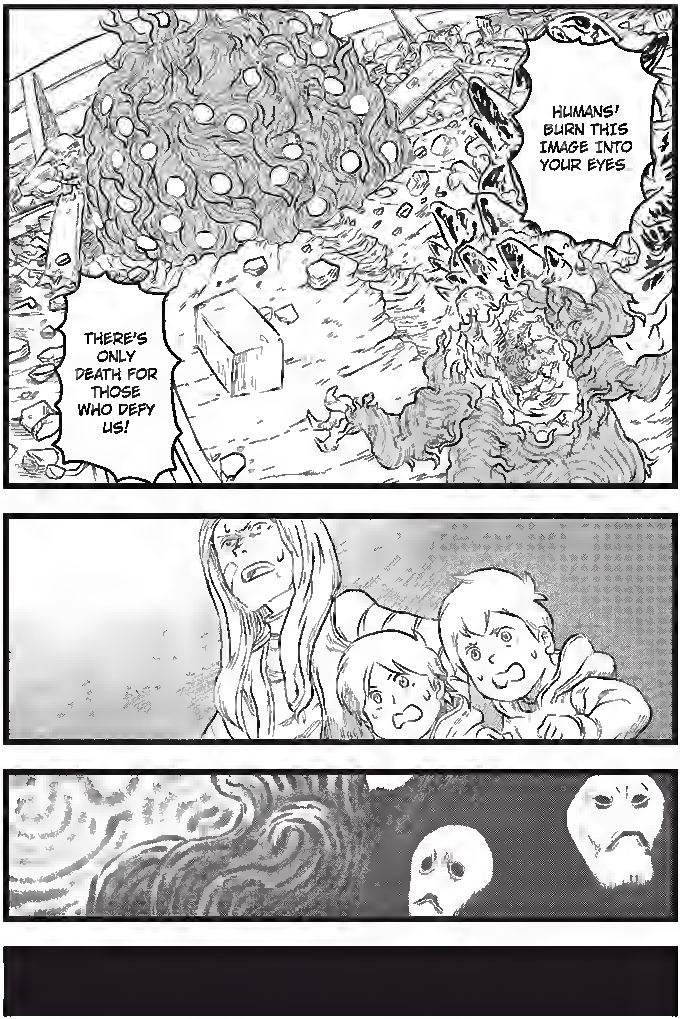
KURARAFIMBUL
WOOSH
YOU...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
...YOU CAN USE MAGIC OTHER THAN FIRE?

ALL THE WIZARDS OTHER THAN MYSELF ARE MEANT TO BE DEAD.
CAN YOU KEEP GOING?
WHY CAN HE USE MAGIC?
YEAH, I'VE NEVER FELT BETTER
WHO EXACTLY... ARE THESE GUYS?
IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT WAY? IT'LL BE BAD IF WE DRAG THIS ON
I'LL FULLY RELEASE YOU!
KEKLANK
THEY'RE PLAN-NING SOME-THING!
GET 'EM!


CLANK
CLANK
SMASH

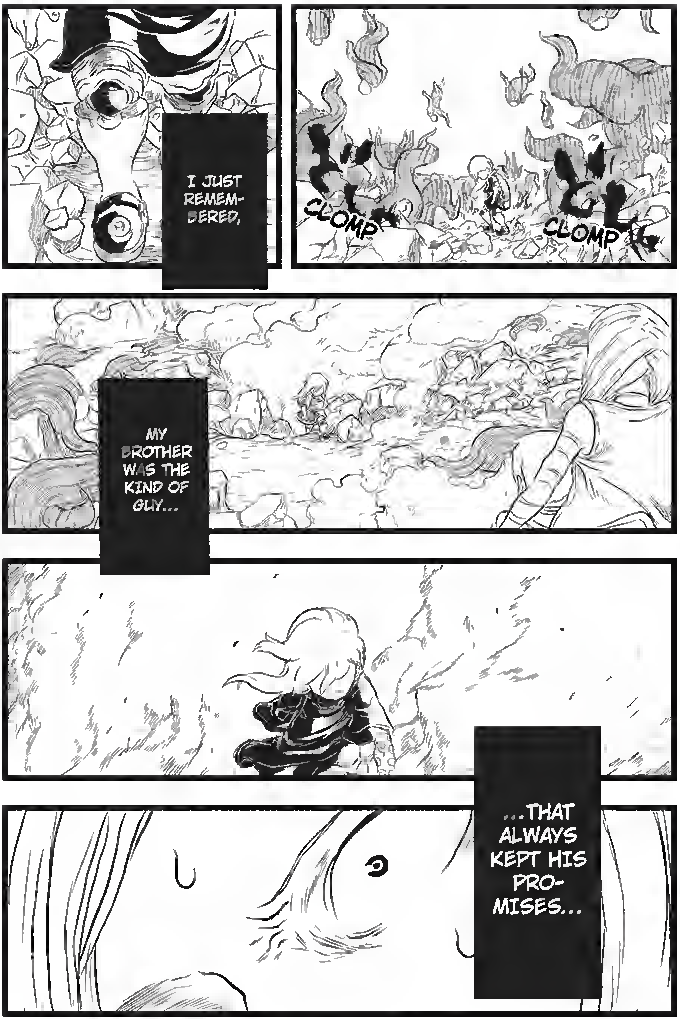
CROWD
-BDTBDTBDTBDT-
TAKE THIS! DEMON BALL!
BWAM

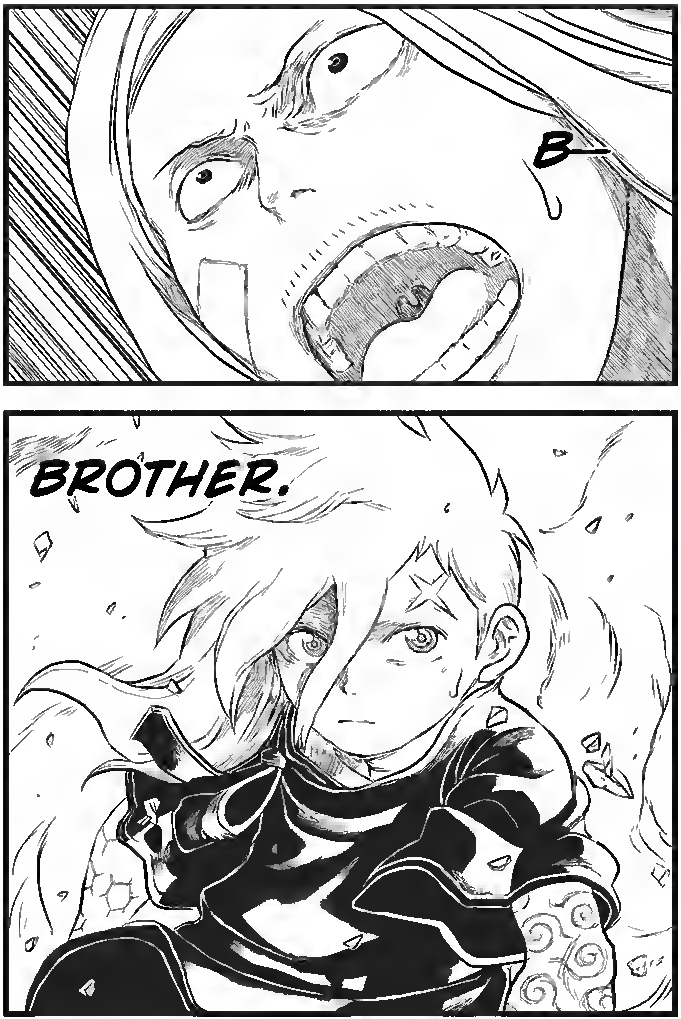
AAH!
GWAHAHAHA! SEE THAT? THAT'S THE POWER OF THE DEMONS!
CRUSH
CRACK
CRACK


HUMANS! BURN THIS IMAGE INTO YOUR EYES
THERE'S ONLY DEATH FOR THOSE WHO DEFY US!

THROB
THROB
THROB
HEAD
ACHE

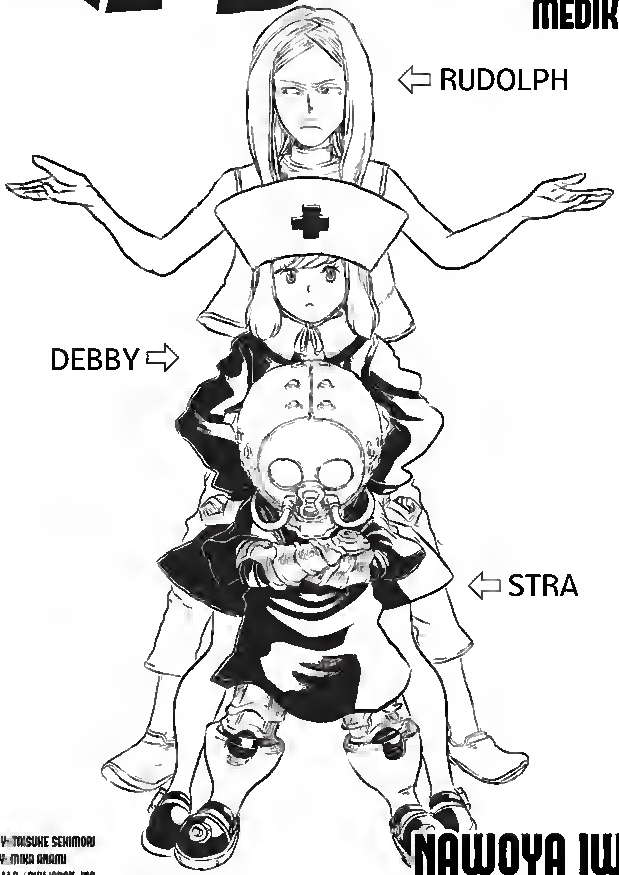
FLASH
ZEUSPARK


I JUST REMEMBERED,
CLOMP
CLOMP
MY BROTHER WAS THE KIND OF GUY...
...THAT ALWAYS KEPT HIS PROMISES...


B—
BROTHER.

邪風のストラ
Stra the Warlock

COLD 4:
THE SECRET SOCIETY, MEDIKATUR



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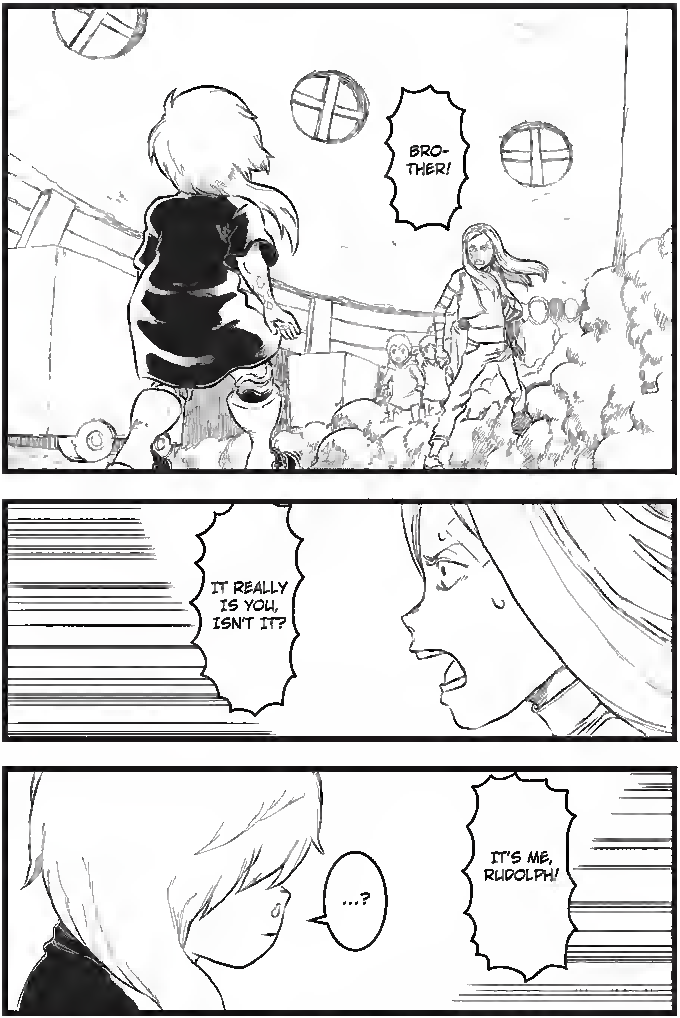

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BRO-
THER!
HUH?

GRAB
WIZARDS...
PUSH!
BRO-
THER!
ITCH!

...ARE TO BE EXTER-MINATED!
BRO!
AH...
AH...

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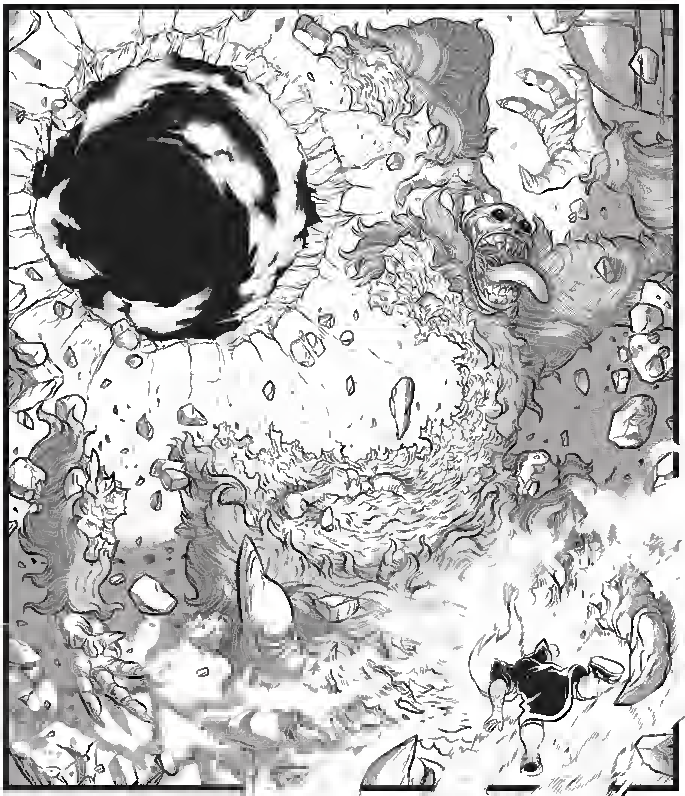
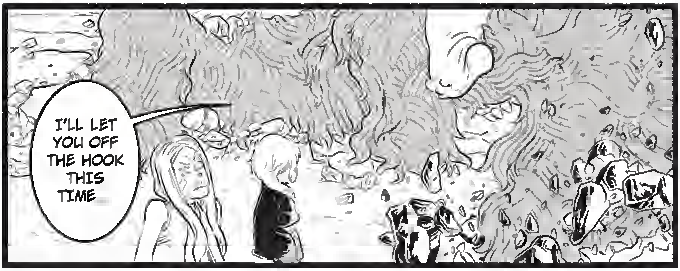
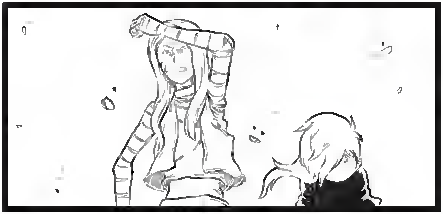
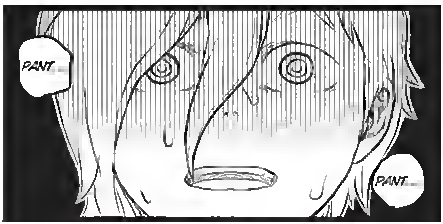


DO... IT?
DID HE REALLY
...HE DID
THU-THUD
Woooooooo
HE'S OUR SAVIOR! OUR SAVIOR'S APPEARED!
AMAZING! HE BEAT THE DEMONS!

わあああああ
WOOOOOあ
CRICK
B... BRO!
THE BIG-NOSE IS STILL ALIVE!
EEK!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S A WIZARD WITH THIS MUCH POWER...
CRASH


I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME

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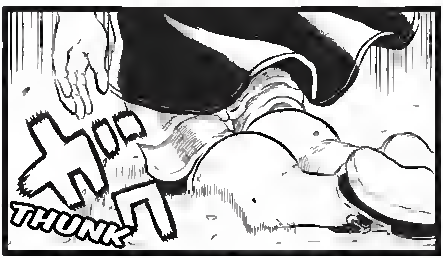
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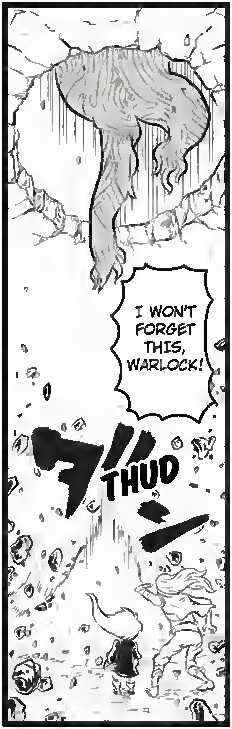
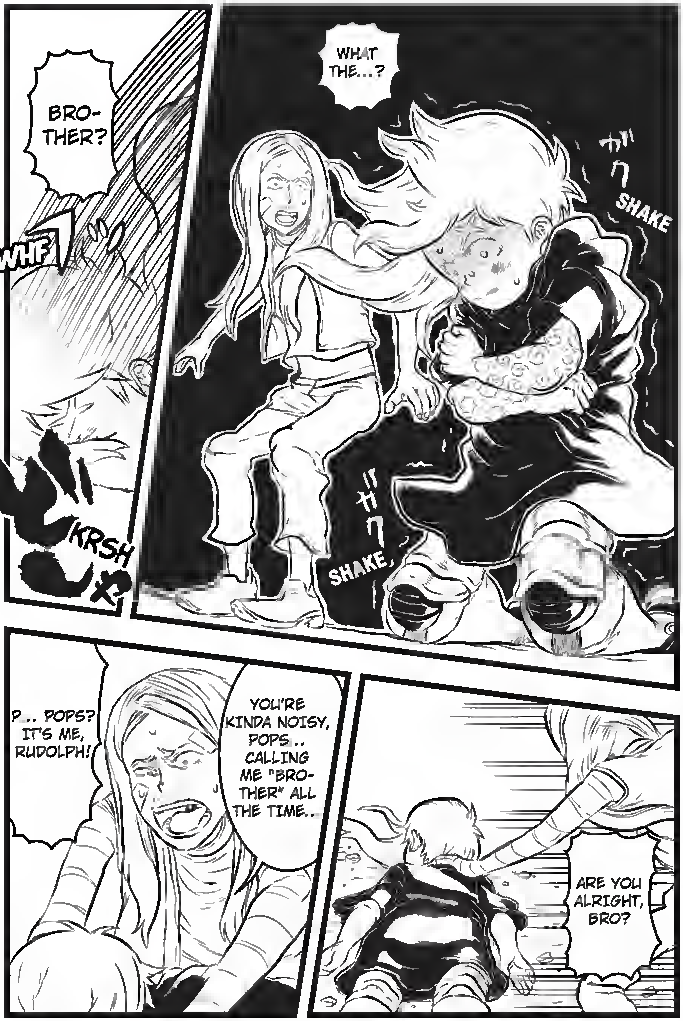
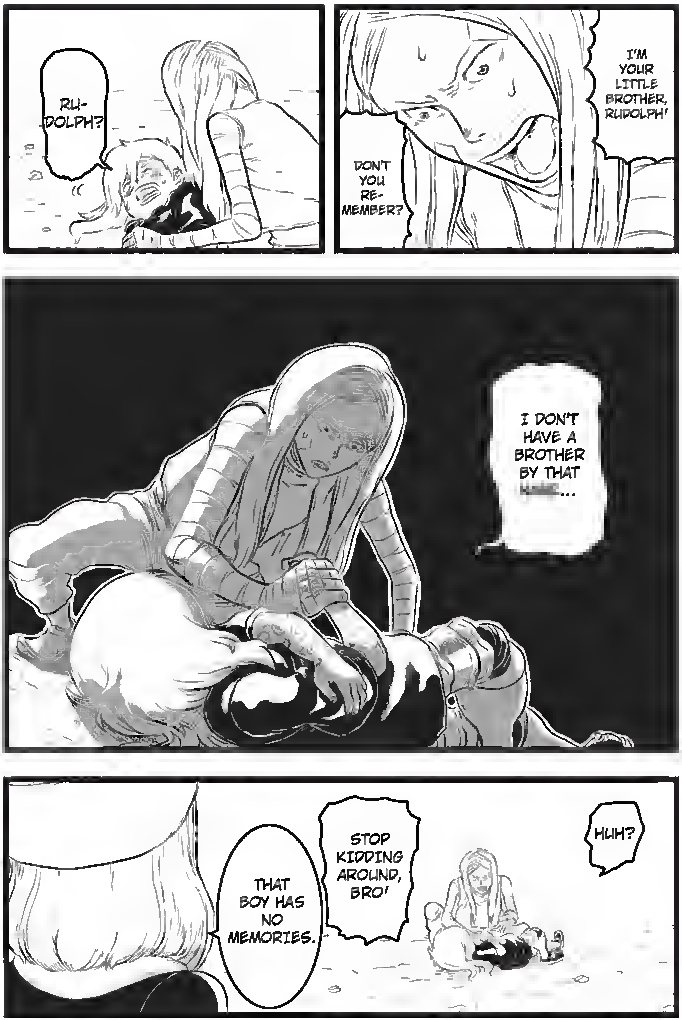
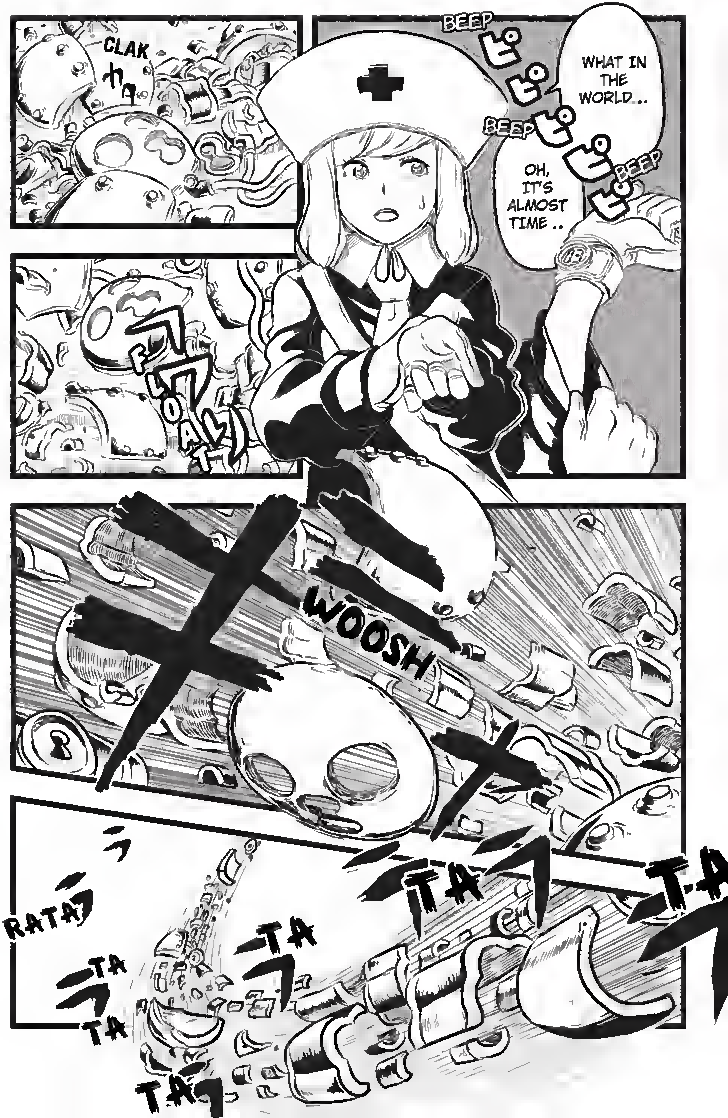

I WON'T FORGET THIS, WARLOCK!
THUD


BRO-
THER?
WHF
KRSH
WHAT THE...?
SHAKE
SHAKE
P.. POPS? IT'S ME, RUDOLPH!
YOU'RE KINDA NOISY, POPS.. CALLING ME "BRO-THER" ALL THE TIME..
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, BRO?


RU-DOLPH?
I'M YOUR LITTLE BROTHER, RUDOLPH!
DON'T YOU RE-MEMBER?
I DON'T HAVE A BROTHER BY THAT [illegible]...
HUH?
STOP KIDDING AROUND, BRO!
THAT BOY HAS NO MEMORIES.

I GET THAT YOU'RE CONFUSED RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT.
I'VE HEARD THAT A STRONG BLOW TO THE HEAD CAN CURE AMNESIA.
NO MEMORIES?
YOU'D ALWAYS BURST OUT LAUGHING WHENEVER YOU SAW MY NIPPLE!
LOOK! BRO!
ガバッ
HAVE YOU REALLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME..?
OR... ER... JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
AHA!
LOOK! LAUGH!
AND REMEMBER!


CLAK
BEEP
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BEEP
BEEP
WHAT IN THE WORLD..
OH, IT'S ALMOST TIME ..
WOOSH
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KACHUNK
VWMF
W.. WHAT THE...?
CLANK
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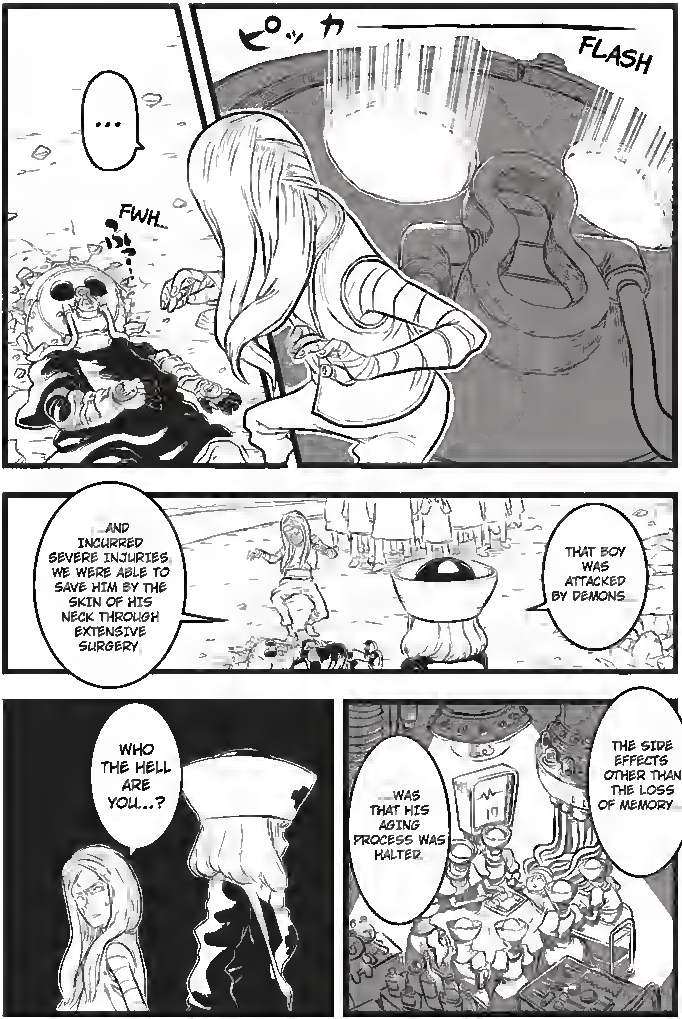
FLOAT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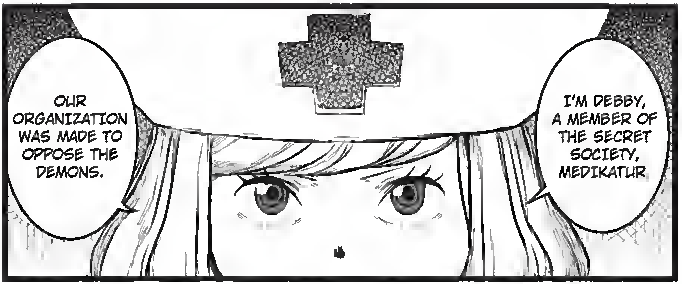
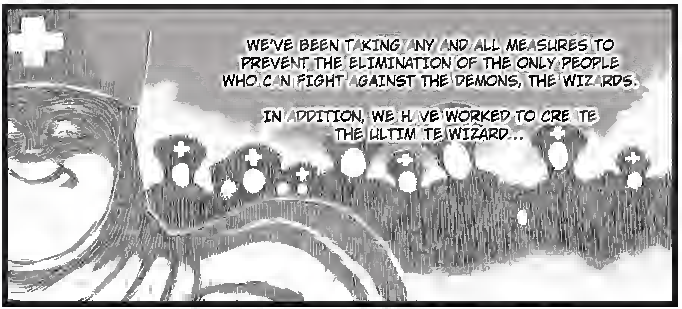
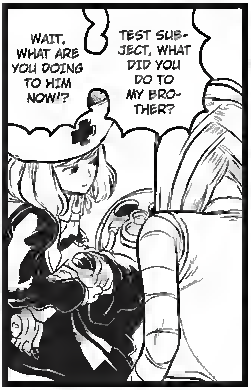
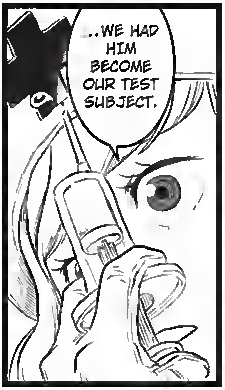
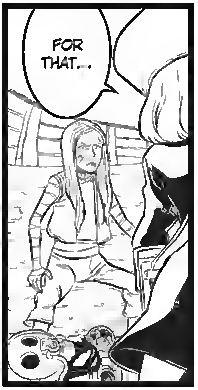
FLASH
...
FWH
AND INCURRED SEVERE INJURIES WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE HIM BY THE SKIN OF HIS NECK THROUGH EXTENSIVE SURGERY
THAT BOY WAS ATTACKED BY DEMONS
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...?
WAS THAT HIS AGING PROCESS WAS HALTED
THE SIDE EFFECTS OTHER THAN THE LOSS OF MEMORY


I'M DEBBY, A MEMBER OF THE SECRET SOCIETY, MEDIKATUR.
OUR ORGANIZATION WAS MADE TO OPPOSE THE DEMONS.

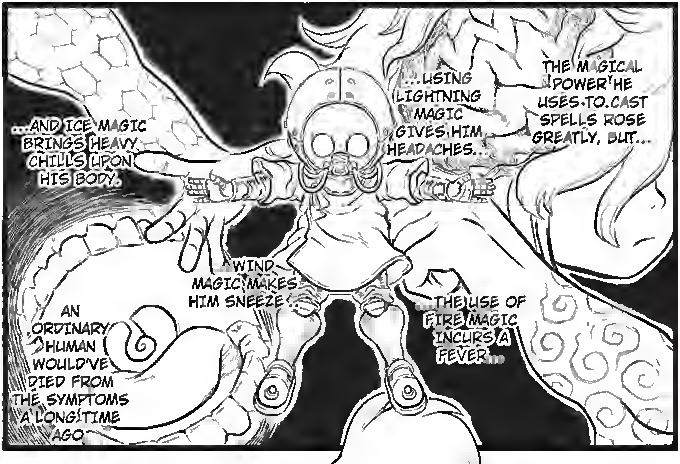

WE'VE BEEN TAKING ANY AND ALL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE ELIMINATION OF THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO C N FIGHT AGAINST THE DEMONS, THE WIZ RDS.
IN DDITION, WE H VE WORKED TO CRE TE THE ULTIM TE WIZARD...

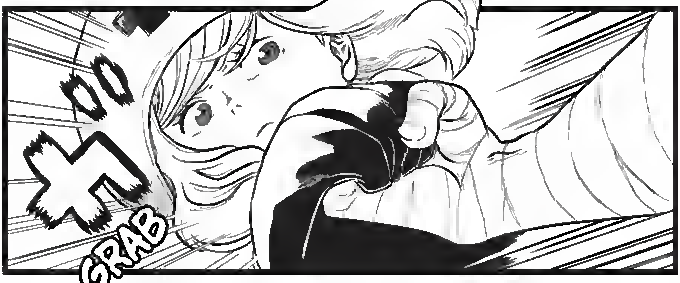

WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HIM NOW!?
TEST SUB-JECT, WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY BRO-THER?


...WE HAD HIM BECOME OUR TEST SUBJECT.


FOR THAT...

WE TOOK CELLS FROM THE WIZARDS THAT WERE SLAIN BY DEMONS...
...AND IMPLANTED THEM INTO STRA.


THE MAGICAL POWER HE USES TO CAST SPELLS ROSE GREATLY, BUT...
...USING LIGHTNING MAGIC GIVES HIM HEADACHES...
...AND ICE MAGIC BRINGS HEAVY CHILLS UPON HIS BODY.
WIND MAGIC MAKES HIM SNEEZE.
THE USE OF FIRE MAGIC INCURS A FEVER...
AN ORDINARY HUMAN WOULD'VE DIED FROM THE SYMPTOMS A LONG TIME AGO.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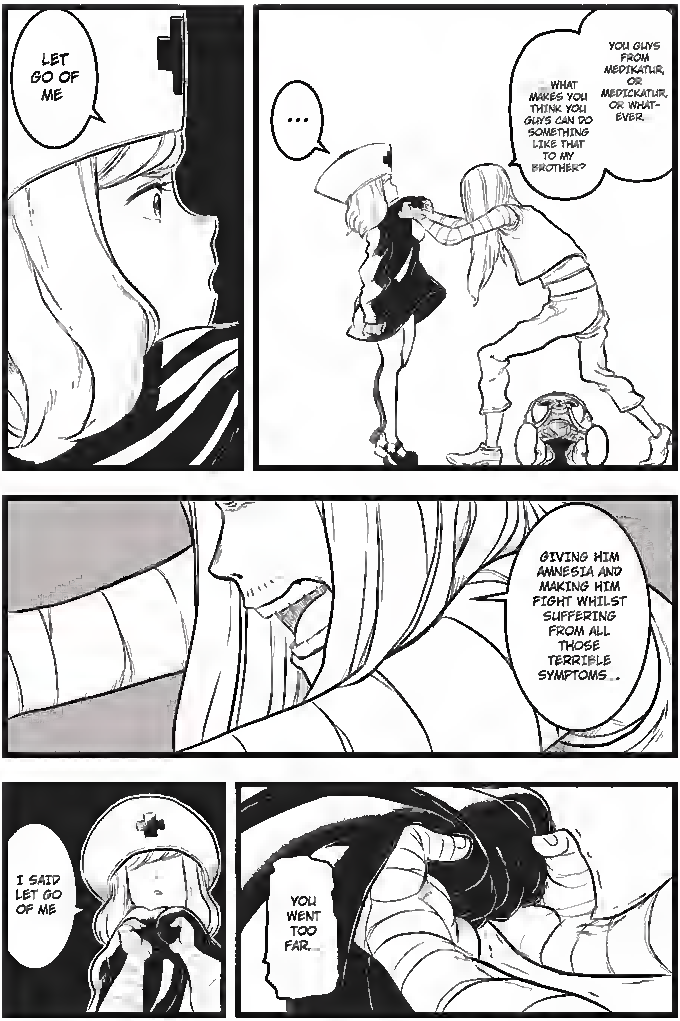
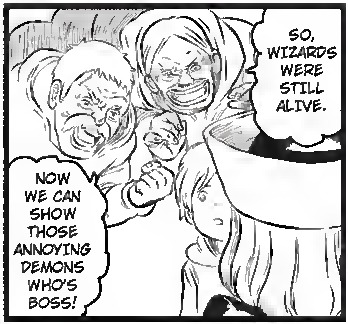

LET GO OF ME
...
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU GUYS CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO MY BROTHER?
YOU GUYS FROM MEDIKATUR, OR MEDICKATUR, OR WHATEVER.
GIVING HIM AMNESIA AND MAKING HIM FIGHT WHILST SUFFERING FROM ALL THOSE TERRIBLE SYMPTOMS...
I SAID LET GO OF ME
YOU WENT TOO FAR...

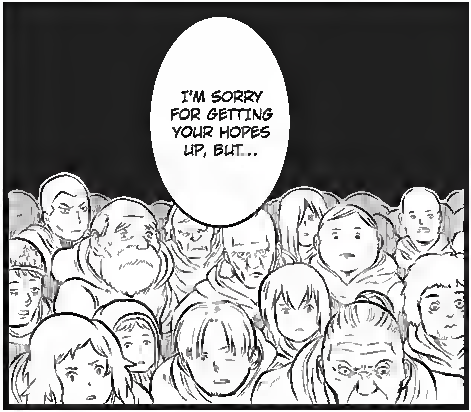
GIVE HIM BACK!
GIVE ME MY BROTHER BACK!
SZAP
WSH
HEY! ARE YOU EVEN LISTEN-ING?

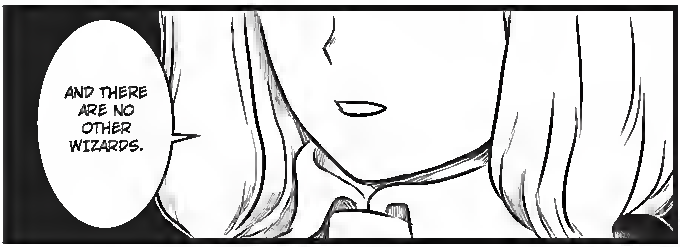
BANG
I TOLD YOU TO LET GO OF ME.
TAP
AL-RIGHT! I GET IT!
TAP
SO YOU SHOULD LET GO OF ME TOO!
TAP
TAP
THANK YOU, MISS!
PLEASE GIVE YOUR GRATITUDE TO STRA.
...

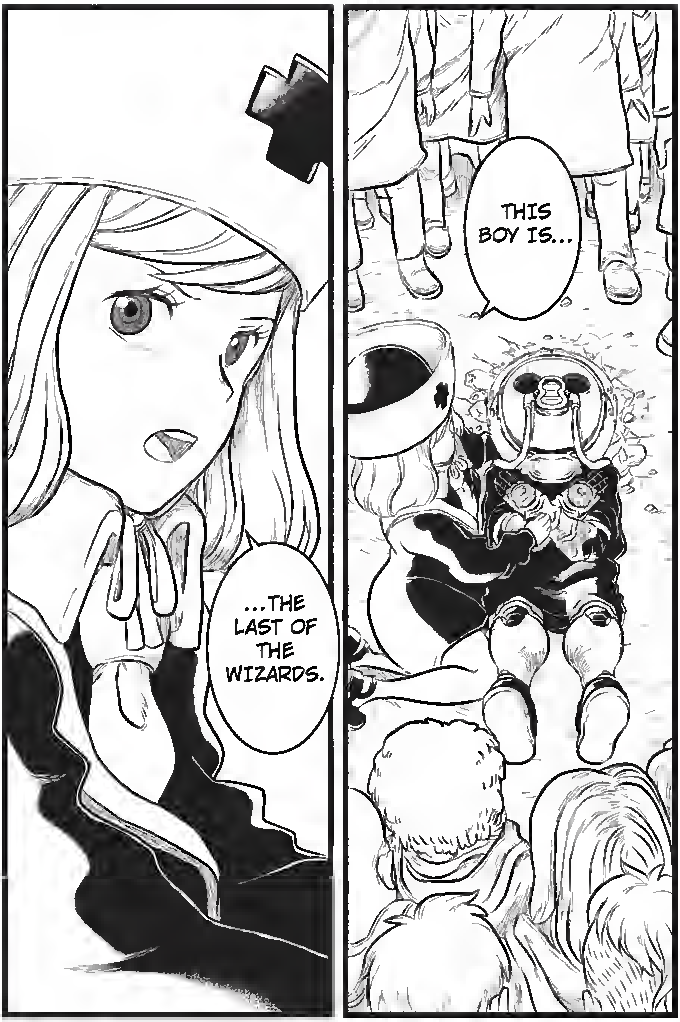
WAHOO! WE'RE FREE!
YOU'RE A WIZARD TOO, RIGHT?
SO? WHEN ARE THE OTHER WIZARDS COMING?


SO, WIZARDS WERE STILL ALIVE.
NOW WE CAN SHOW THOSE ANNOYING DEMONS WHO'S BOSS!

...I AM NOT A WITCH.


I'M SORRY FOR GETTING YOUR HOPES UP, BUT...


AND THERE ARE NO OTHER WIZARDS.


THIS BOY IS...
...THE LAST OF THE WIZARDS.

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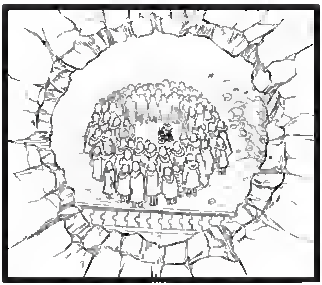

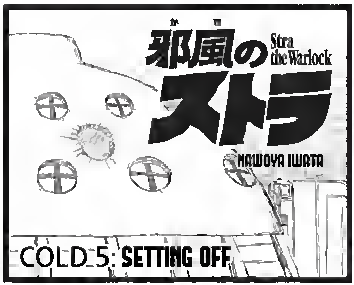

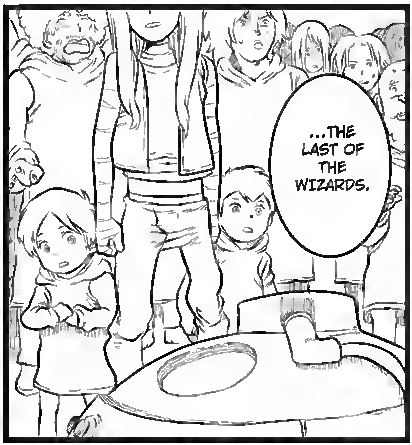

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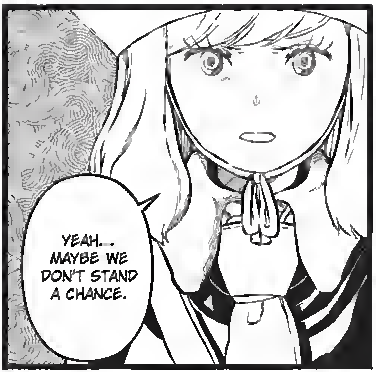
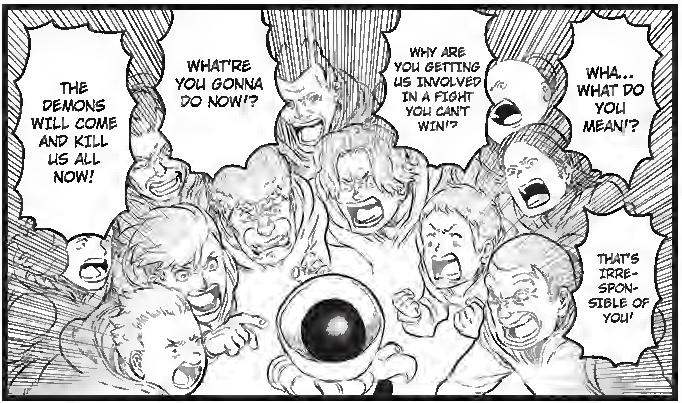

YEAH... MAYBE WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE.

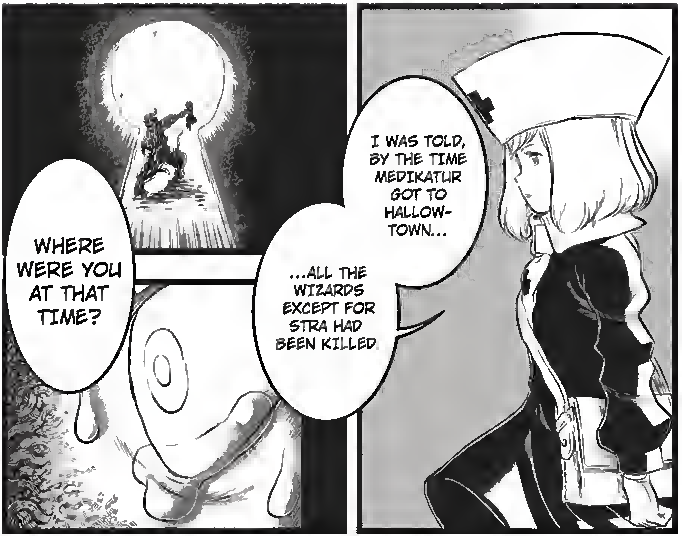
ONE WARLOCK ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY MATCH FOR ALL THE DEMONS!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN BEAT THE DEMONS?
THIS IS A JOKE RIGHT?

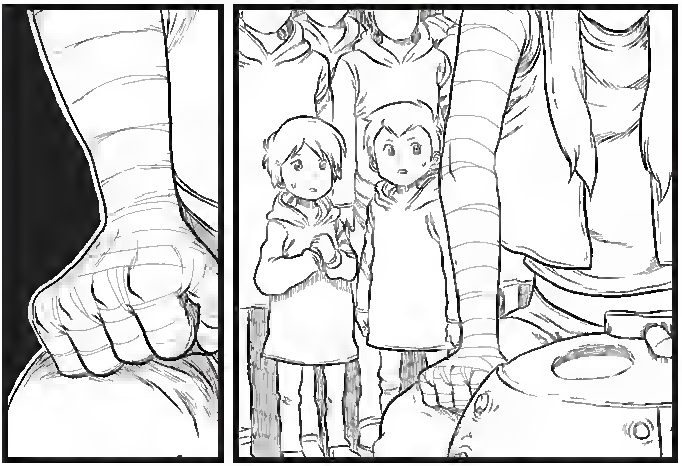

THE DEMONS WILL COME AND KILL US ALL NOW!
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW!?
WHY ARE YOU GETTING US INVOLVED IN A FIGHT YOU CAN'T WIN!?
WHA... WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
THAT'S IRRE-SPON-SIBLE OF YOU!

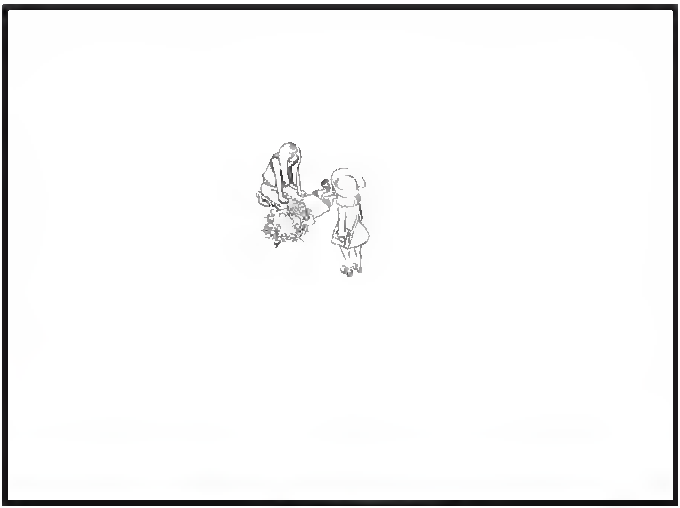
IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE THE DEMONS ATTACKED...
DAY BY DAY, WE LOST THE THINGS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO US. THERE WASN'T A SINGLE DAY WE COULD REST EASY.
I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE BY RETALIATING
I CAN'T LET ALL THOSE TEARS WE SHED GO TO WASTE!
I DECIDED TO KEEP FIGHTING, EVEN IF I KNEW I WOULD LOSE.

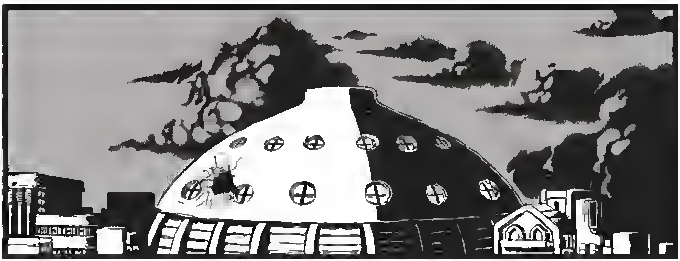
I'M AFRAID OF BECOMING A COWARD THAT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T WIN!
THE WAY YOU LIVE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD!
THE TIMES WHEN WE USED TO BE HAPPY!
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT BACK!

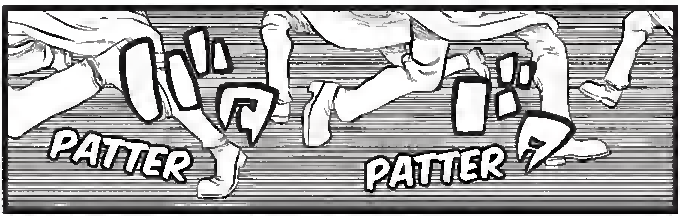
STRA AND I WILL KEEP THEM BUSY.
THERE'S NO TIME. YOU MUST RETREAT TO THE SHELTER WHERE I MARKED ON THIS MAP.
YOU'LL FIND THE HAVEN MEDIKATUR SPENT YEARS ESTABLISHING.
THE BIG-NOSED DEMON FLED.
HE'LL RETURN WITH HIS ALLIES.
IF YOU REALLY ARE STRA'S BROTHER...
...DON'T LIE.
IN ANY CASE.. YOU KEEP CALLING STRA YOUR BROTHER, BUT...
WHY...
...DON'T YOU USE MAGIC?


I WAS TOLD, BY THE TIME MEDIKATUR GOT TO HALLOW-TOWN...
...ALL THE WIZARDS EXCEPT FOR STRA HAD BEEN KILLED
WHERE WERE YOU AT THAT TIME?





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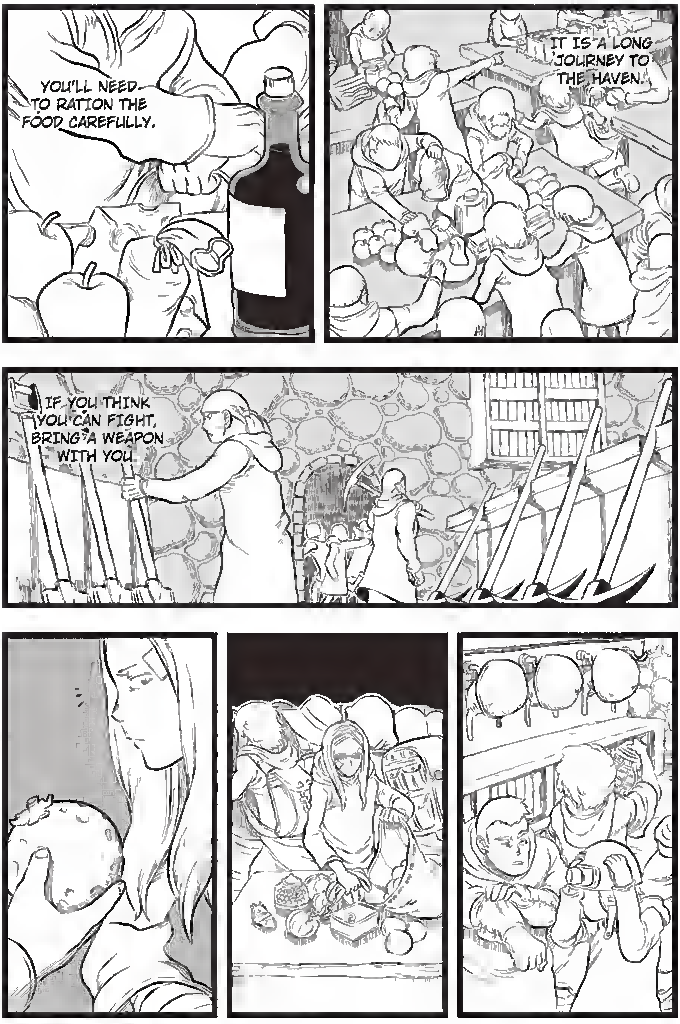
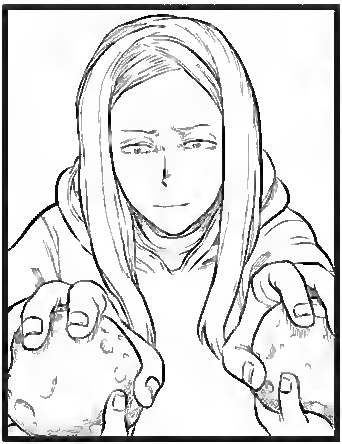
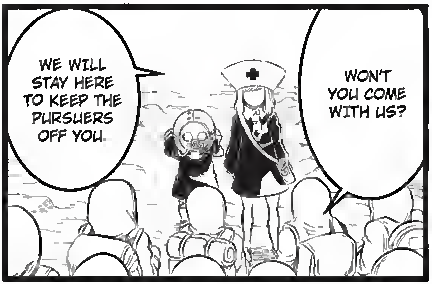
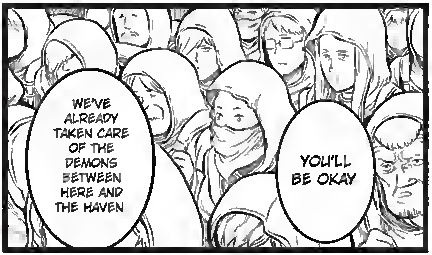
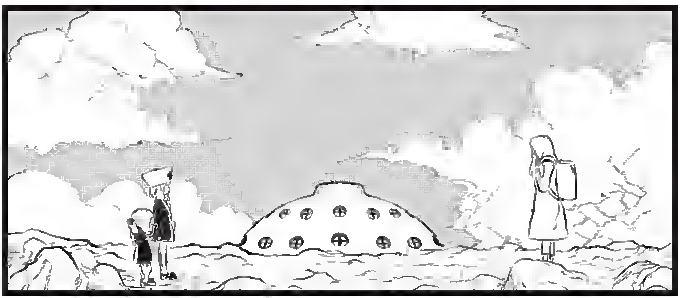
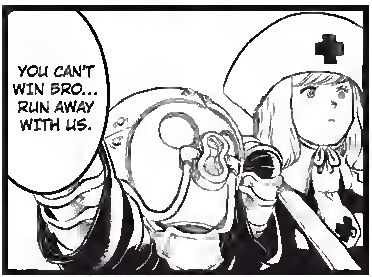

YOU'LL NEED TO RATION THE FOOD CAREFULLY.
IT IS A LONG JOURNEY TO THE HAVEN.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGHT, BRING A WEAPON WITH YOU.

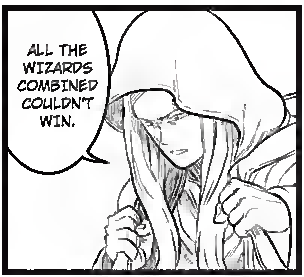


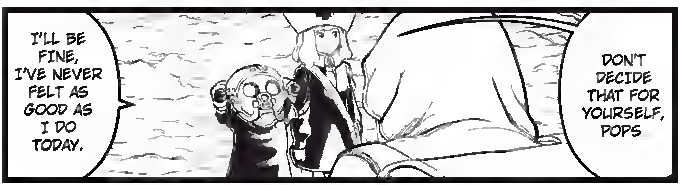

WE WILL STAY HERE TO KEEP THE PURSUERS OFF YOU.
WON'T YOU COME WITH US?

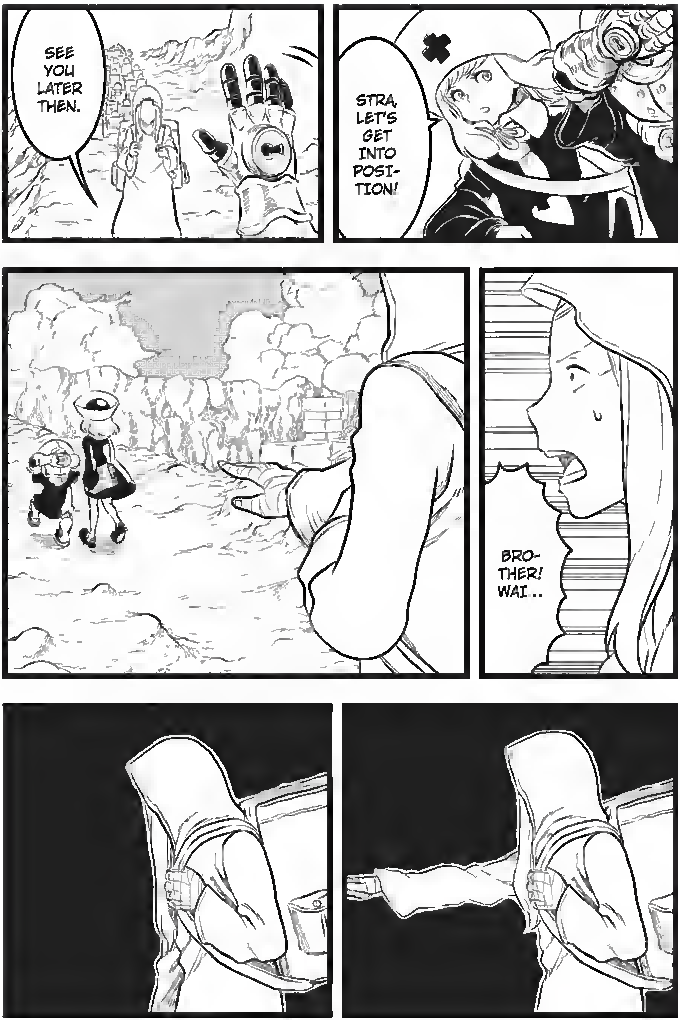

WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THE DEMONS BETWEEN HERE AND THE HAVEN.
YOU'LL BE OKAY

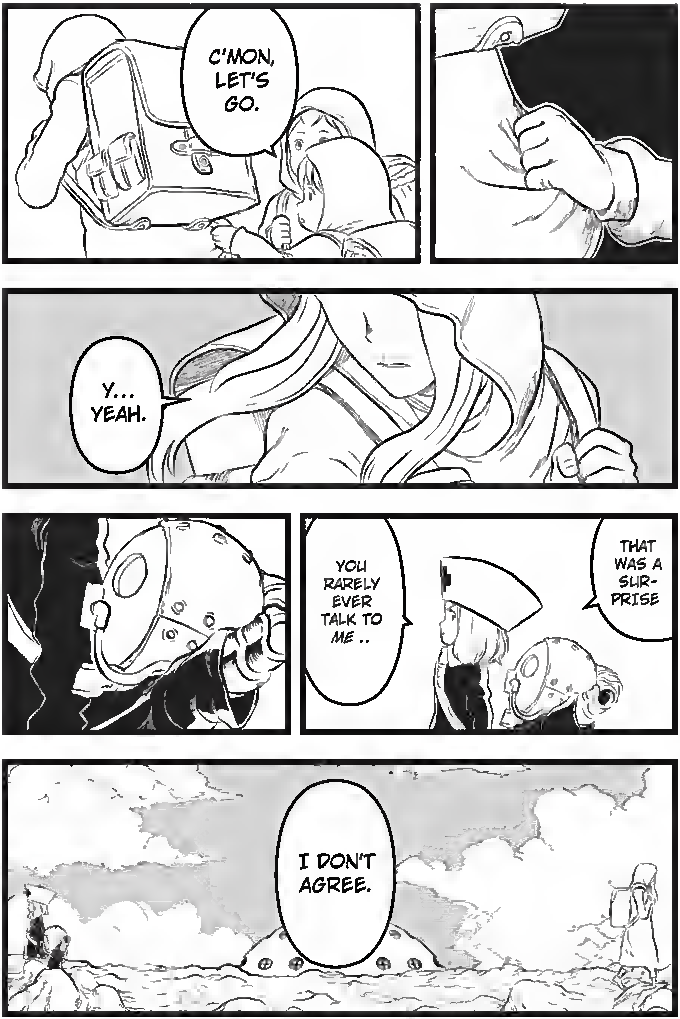



YOU CAN'T WIN BRO... RUN AWAY WITH US.


ALL THE WIZARDS COMBINED COULDN'T WIN.


I'LL BE FINE, I'VE NEVER FELT AS GOOD AS I DO TODAY.
DON'T DECIDE THAT FOR YOURSELF, POPS

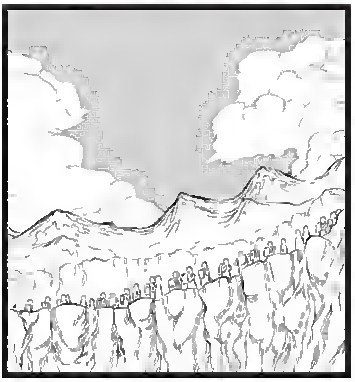

SEE YOU LATER THEN.
STRA, LET'S GET INTO POSI-TION!
BRO-THER! WAI ..


C'MON, LET'S GO.
Y... YEAH.
YOU RARELY EVER TALK TO ME ..
THAT WAS A SUR-PRISE
I DON'T AGREE.

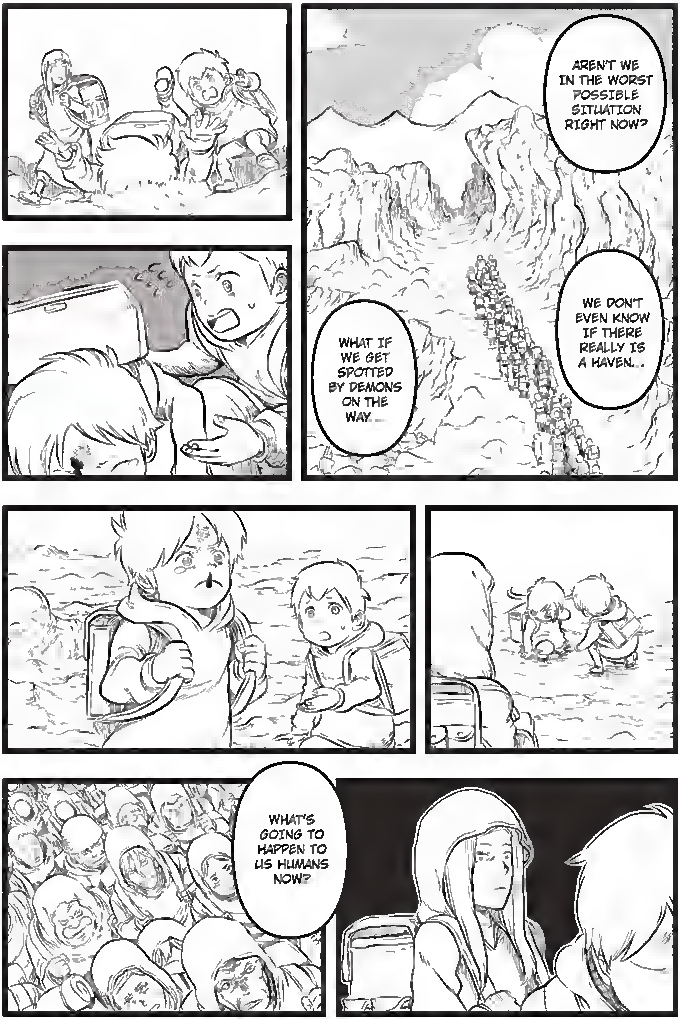
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
THDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD
HURK
COUGH
COUGH
URP
COUGH
WE WON'T LET YOU PASS HERE!
YEAH!

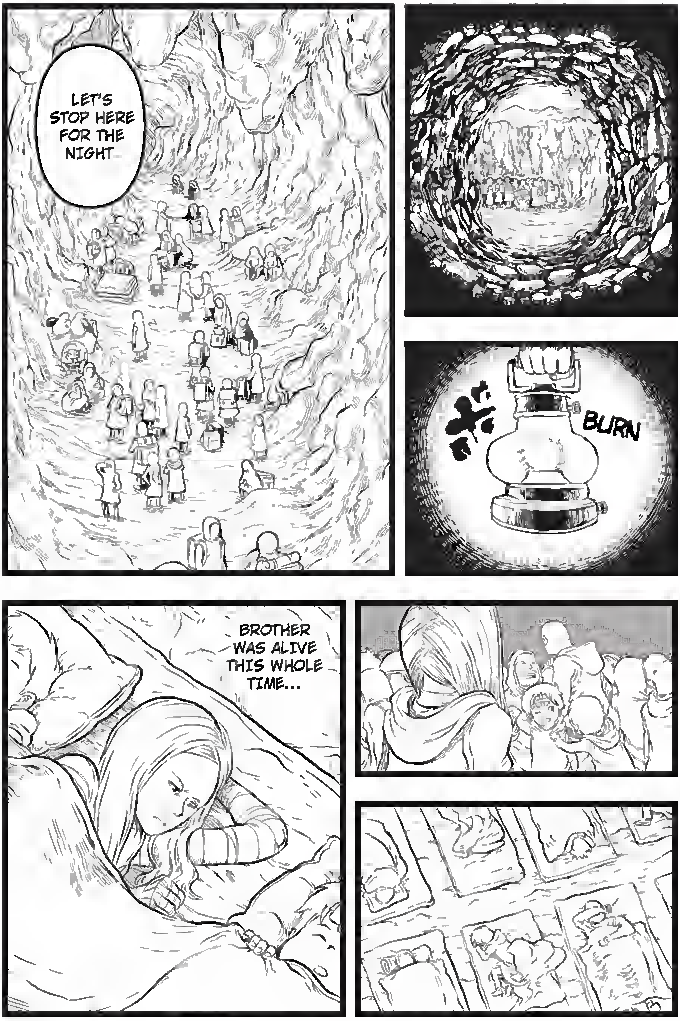
ROOOAAAAR
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
NEVER FELT BETTER!

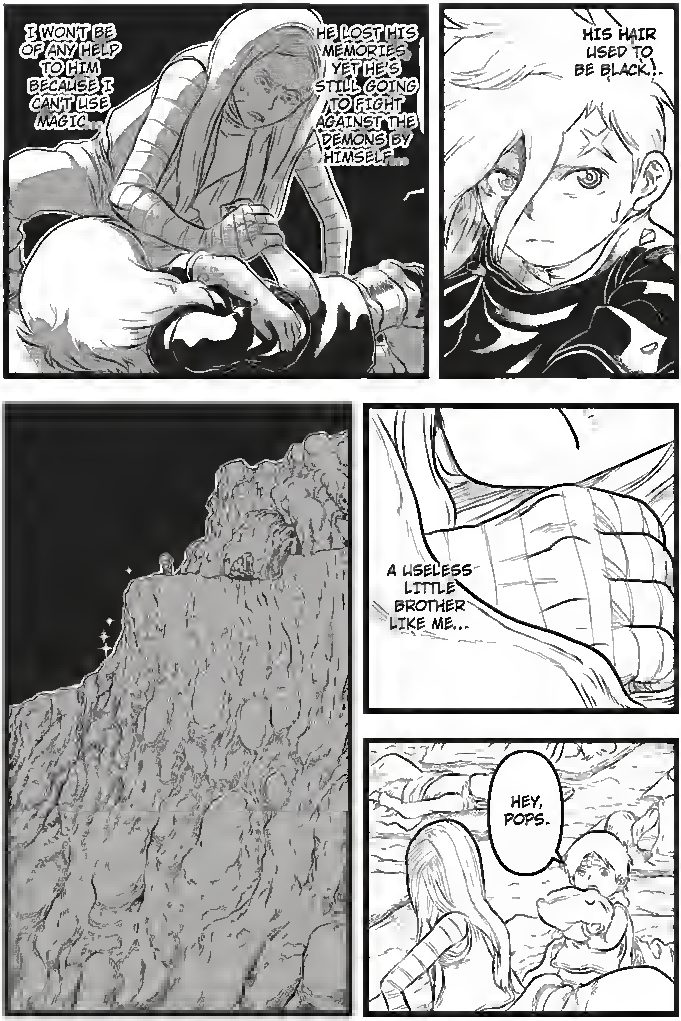
WE JUST HAVE TO TRUST THEM, RIGHT?
HEY... WILL THAT WARLOCK BE OKAY?

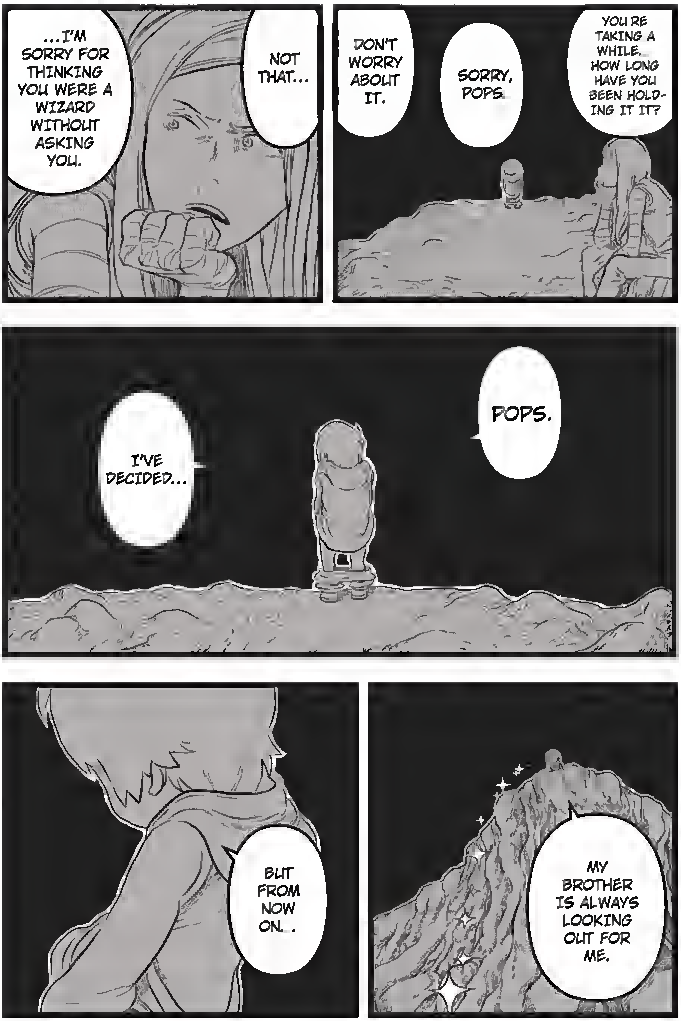


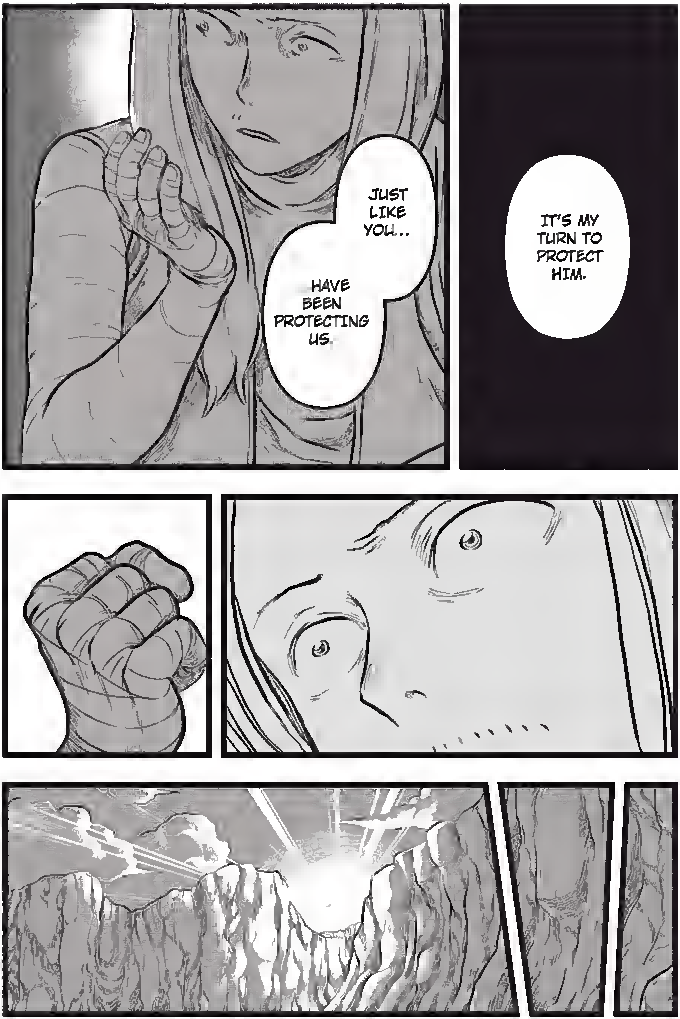
. AND HE DIDN'T LOOK RELIABLE. .
BUT HE WAS JUST A KID...


AREN'T WE IN THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION RIGHT NOW?
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE REALLY IS A HAVEN...
WHAT IF WE GET SPOTTED BY DEMONS ON THE WAY...
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US HUMANS NOW?


LET'S STOP HERE FOR THE NIGHT
BURN
BROTHER WAS ALIVE THIS WHOLE TIME...

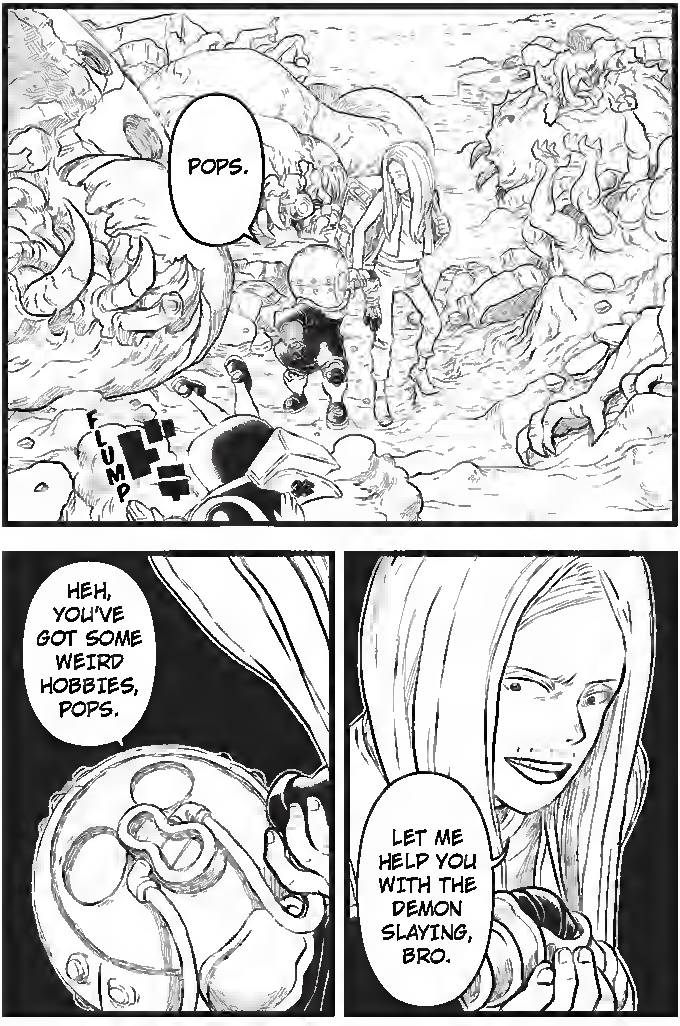

I WON'T BE OF ANY HELP TO HIM BECAUSE I CAN'T USE MAGIC...
HE LOST HIS MEMORIES YET HE'S STILL GOING TO FIGHT AGAINST THE DEMONS BY HIMSELF...
HIS HAIR USED TO BE BLACK...
A USELESS LITTLE BROTHER LIKE ME...
HEY, POPS.

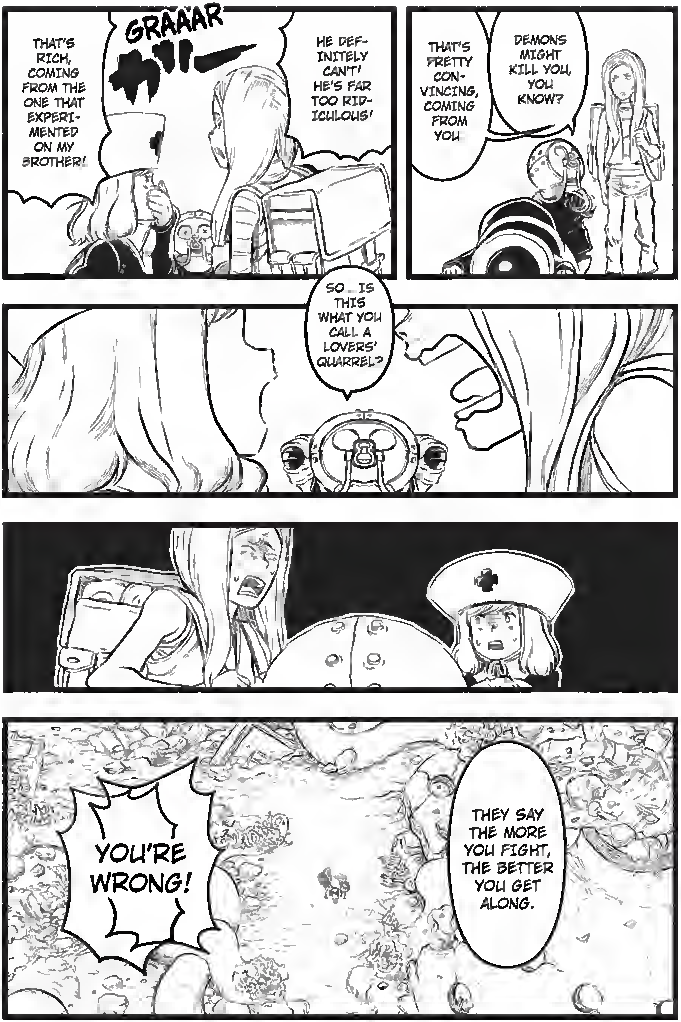

...I'M SORRY FOR THINKING YOU WERE A WIZARD WITHOUT ASKING YOU.
NOT THAT...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
SORRY, POPS.
YOU'RE TAKING A WHILE. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HOLDING IT IT?
I'VE DECIDED...
POPS.
BUT FROM NOW ON. .
MY BROTHER IS ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

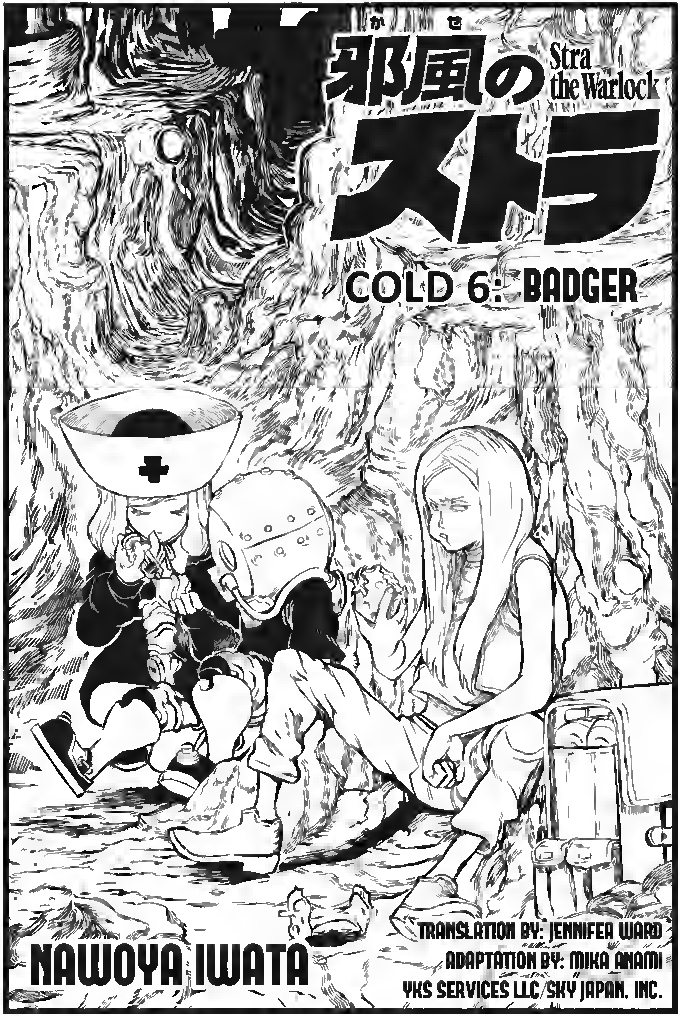

JUST LIKE YOU...
HAVE BEEN PROTECTING US.
IT'S MY TURN TO PROTECT HIM.

HUH? WHERE DID POPS GO?
YAWN
GOOD MORNING, BROTHER
THEY SAID WE'RE GOING SOON.
POE, HAVE YOU SEEN POPS? HIS LUGGAGE IS MISSING TOO.
HE WENT.
HE WENT?
WHERE?

WHAT?
DEBBY..
USING ANY MORE MAGIC WILL BE DANGER-OUS ..
I'M SURE THEY DID.
DO YOU THINK THE OTHERS GOT TO THE HAVEN IN ONE PIECE?
EEK.
KLAK


POPS.
FLUMP
HEH, YOU'VE GOT SOME WEIRD HOBBIES, POPS.
LET ME HELP YOU WITH THE DEMON SLAYING, BRO.


GRAAAR
THAT'S RICH, COMING FROM THE ONE THAT EXPERIMENTED ON MY BROTHER!
HE DEFINITELY CAN'T! HE'S FAR TOO RIDICULOUS!
THAT'S PRETTY CONVINCING, COMING FROM YOU
DEMONS MIGHT KILL YOU, YOU KNOW?
SO... IS THIS WHAT YOU CALL A LOVERS' QUARREL?
YOU'RE WRONG!
THEY SAY THE MORE YOU FIGHT, THE BETTER YOU GET ALONG.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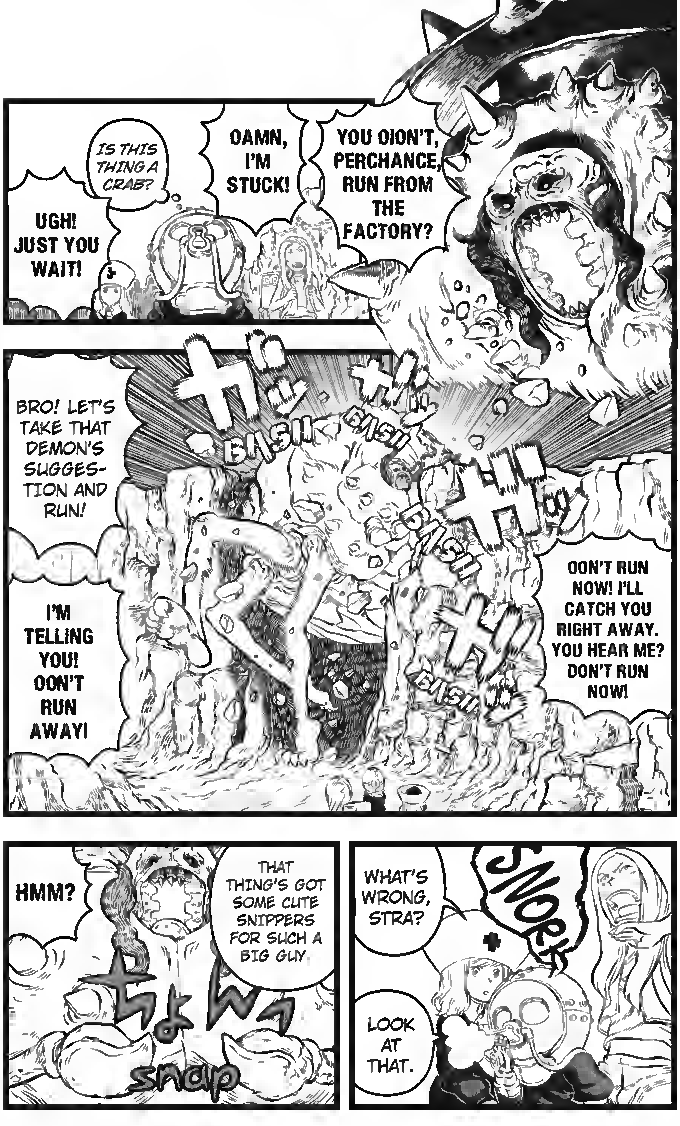
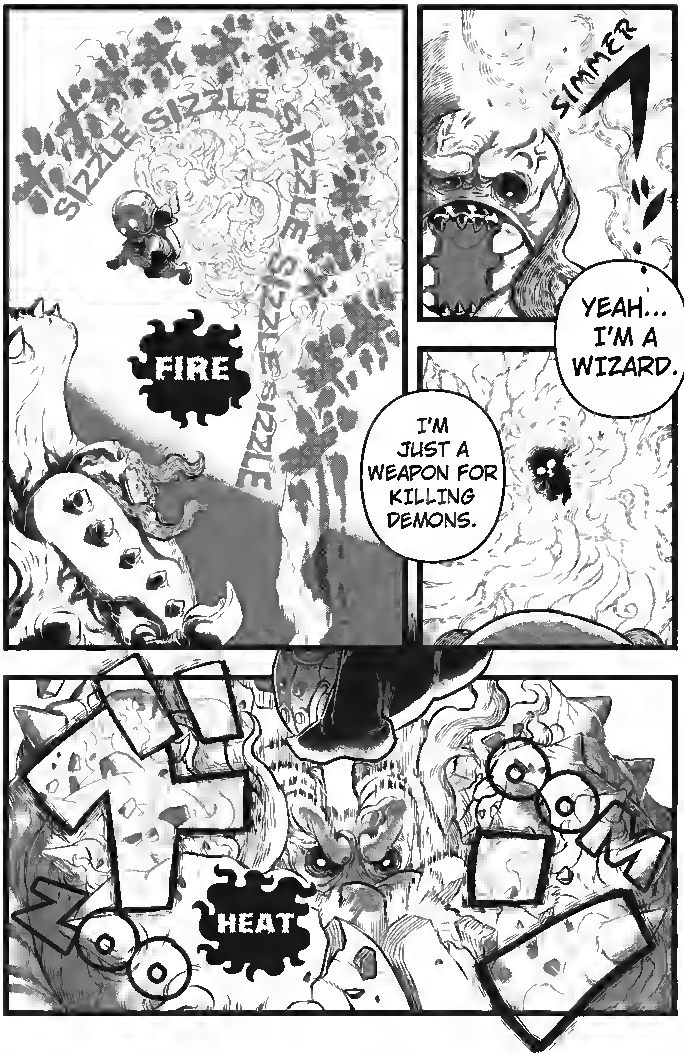
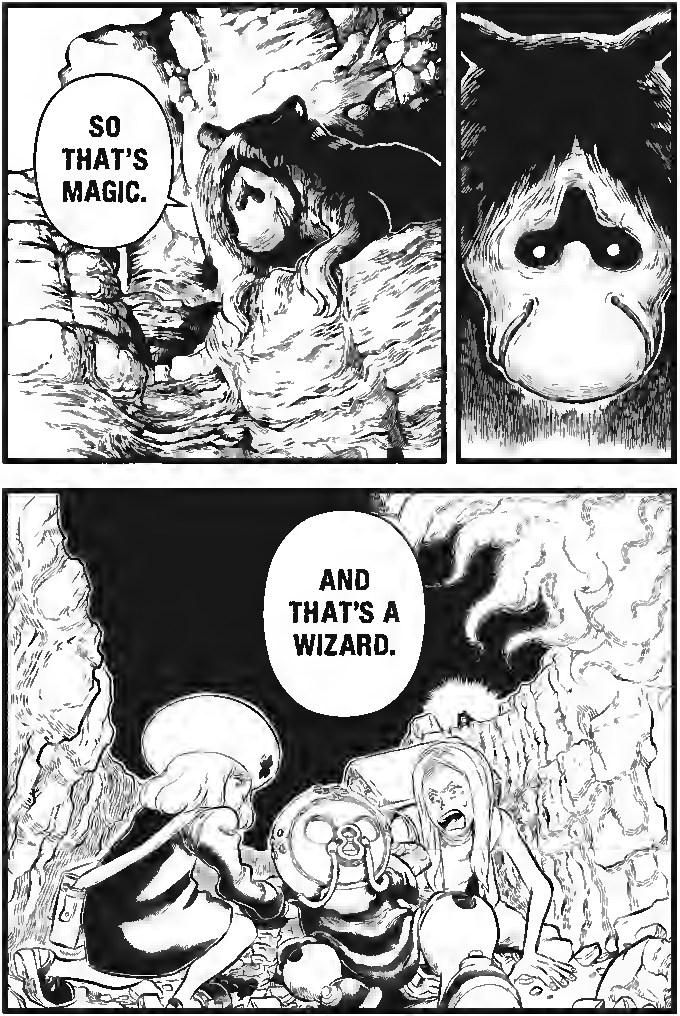

UGH! JUST YOU WAIT!
IS THIS THING A CRAB?
OAMN, I'M STUCK!
YOU OION'T, PERCHANCE, RUN FROM THE FACTORY?
BRO! LET'S TAKE THAT DEMON'S SUGGES-TION AND RUN!
I'M TELLING YOU! OON'T RUN AWAY!
OON'T RUN NOW! I'LL CATCH YOU RIGHT AWAY. YOU HEAR ME? DON'T RUN NOW!
HMM?
THAT THING'S GOT SOME CUTE SNIPPERS FOR SUCH A BIG GUY.
snap
WHAT'S WRONG, STRA?
LOOK AT THAT.
SNORE

STOP MOCKING ME!
BLAM
TO HECK WITH CAPTURE! I'LL CRUSH YOU!
KA-CHACK
SIZZLE
I'LL BE DOING ALL THE CRUSH-ING HERE.
HUH?
UGH!

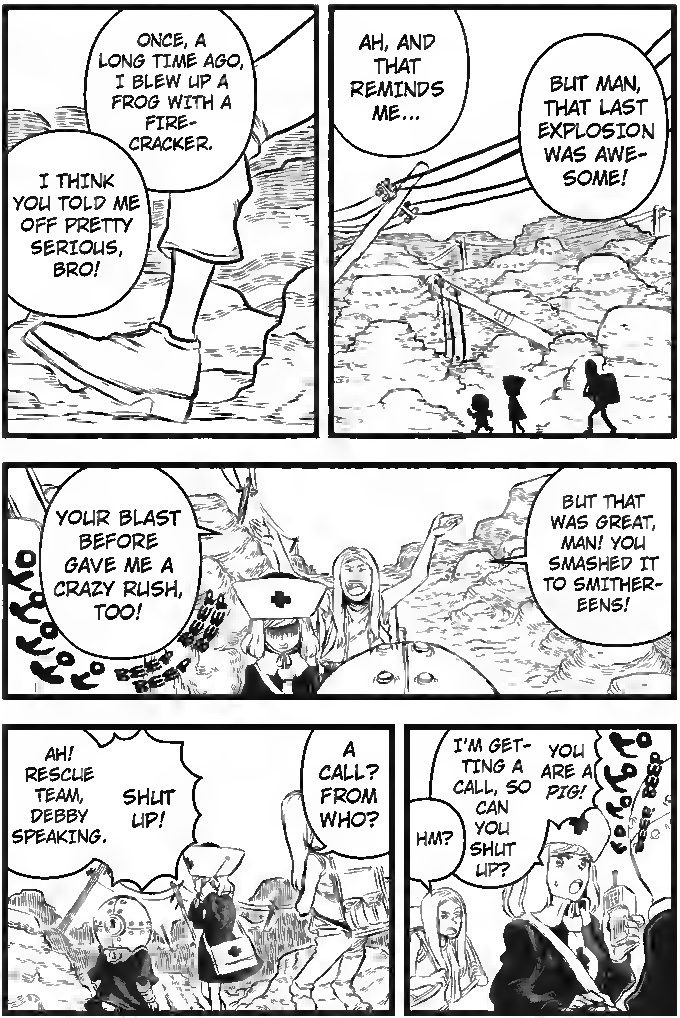
YOU'RE ...
...A WIZARD!
SLAM
B...
BRO!
ABOVE YOU.

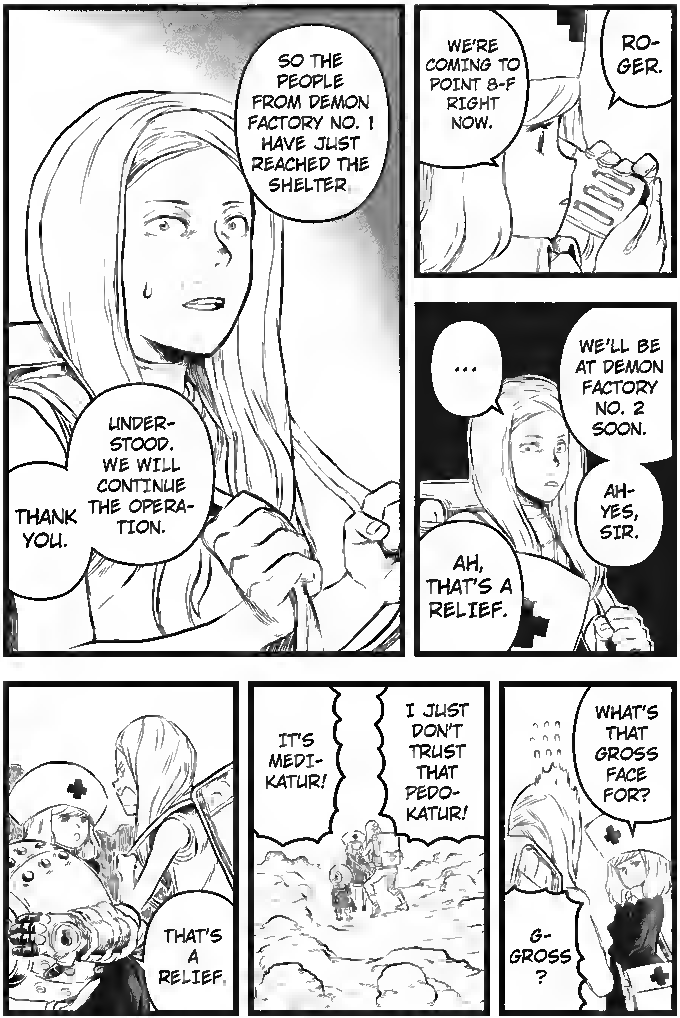

SIZZLE SIZZLE
SIZZLE SIZZLE
FIRE
SIMMER
YEAH... I'M A WIZARD.
I'M JUST A WEAPON FOR KILLING DEMONS.
HEAT

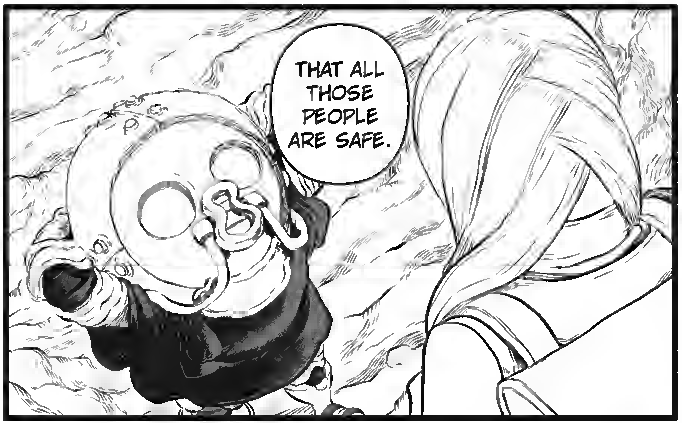
BLAAAAAAAZE
MERAVULCAN
YOU OKAY?
MUMP
STRA!
WHOOSH
BRO!

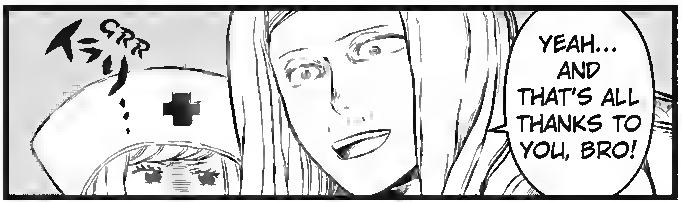

SO THAT'S MAGIC.
AND THAT'S A WIZARD.

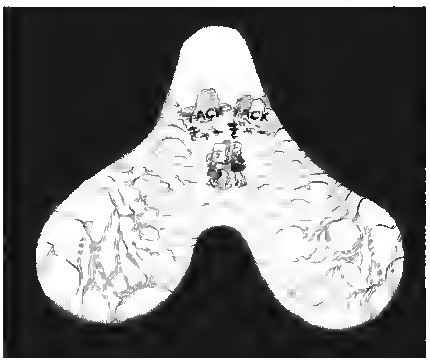
IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG?
IT JUST FELT LIKE WE WERE BEING WATCHED.
NAH...

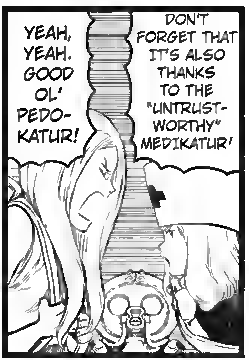

ONCE, A LONG TIME AGO, I BLEW UP A FROG WITH A FIRE-CRACKER.
I THINK YOU TOLD ME OFF PRETTY SERIOUS, BRO!
AH, AND THAT REMINDS ME...
BUT MAN, THAT LAST EXPLOSION WAS AWE-SOME!
YOUR BLAST BEFORE GAVE ME A CRAZY RUSH, TOO!
BUT THAT WAS GREAT, MAN! YOU SMASHED IT TO SMITHER-EENS!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
AH! RESCUE TEAM, DEBBY SPEAKING.
SHUT UP!
A CALL? FROM WHO?
I'M GET-TING A CALL, SO CAN YOU SHUT UP?
YOU ARE A PIG!
HM?

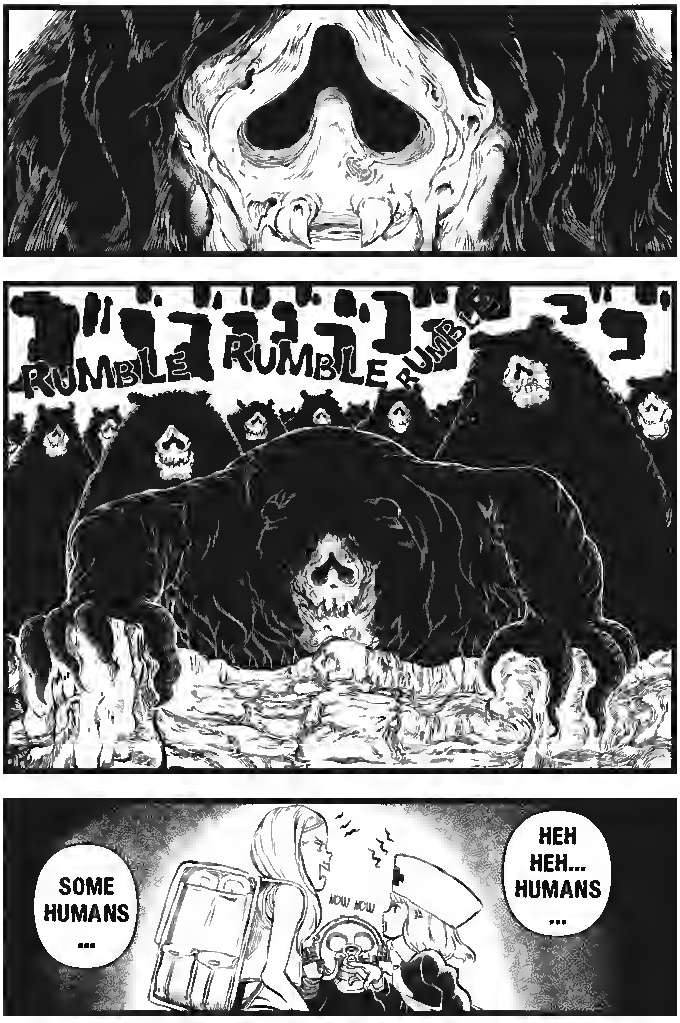

SO THE PEOPLE FROM DEMON FACTORY NO. 1 HAVE JUST REACHED THE SHELTER.
UNDER-STOOD. WE WILL CONTINUE THE OPERA-TION.
THANK YOU.
RO-GER.
WE'RE COMING TO POINT 8-F RIGHT NOW.
...
WE'LL BE AT DEMON FACTORY NO. 2 SOON.
AH-YES, SIR.
AH, THAT'S A RELIEF.
THAT'S A RELIEF.
IT'S MEDI-KATUR!
I JUST DON'T TRUST THAT PEDO-KATUR!
WHAT'S THAT GROSS FACE FOR?
G-GROSS?

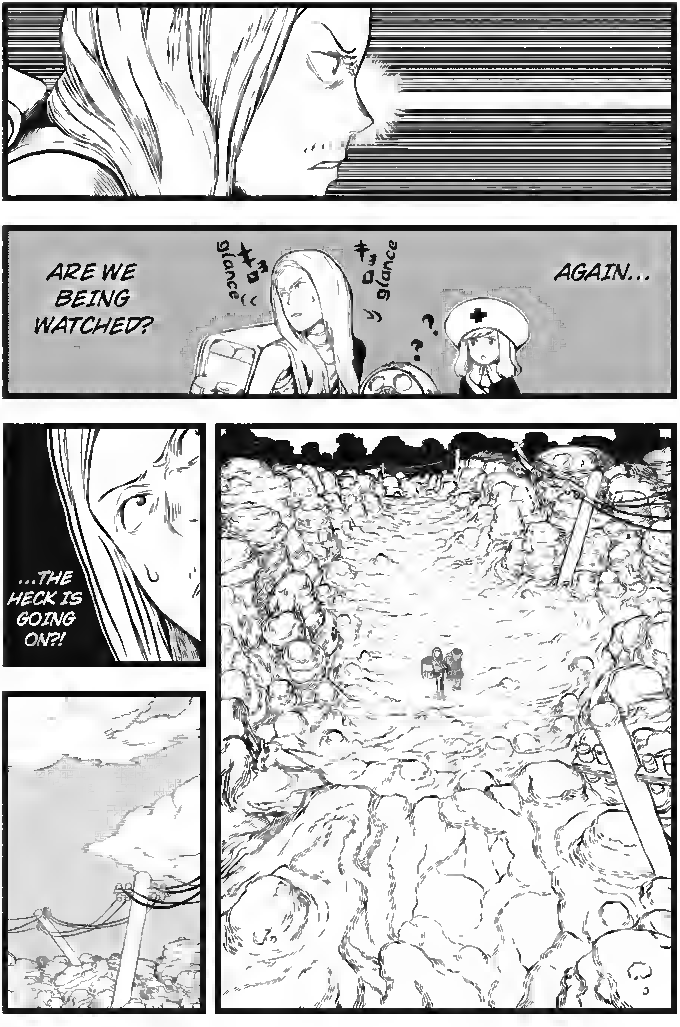

THAT ALL THOSE PEOPLE ARE SAFE.


GRRR
YEAH... AND THAT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, BRO!

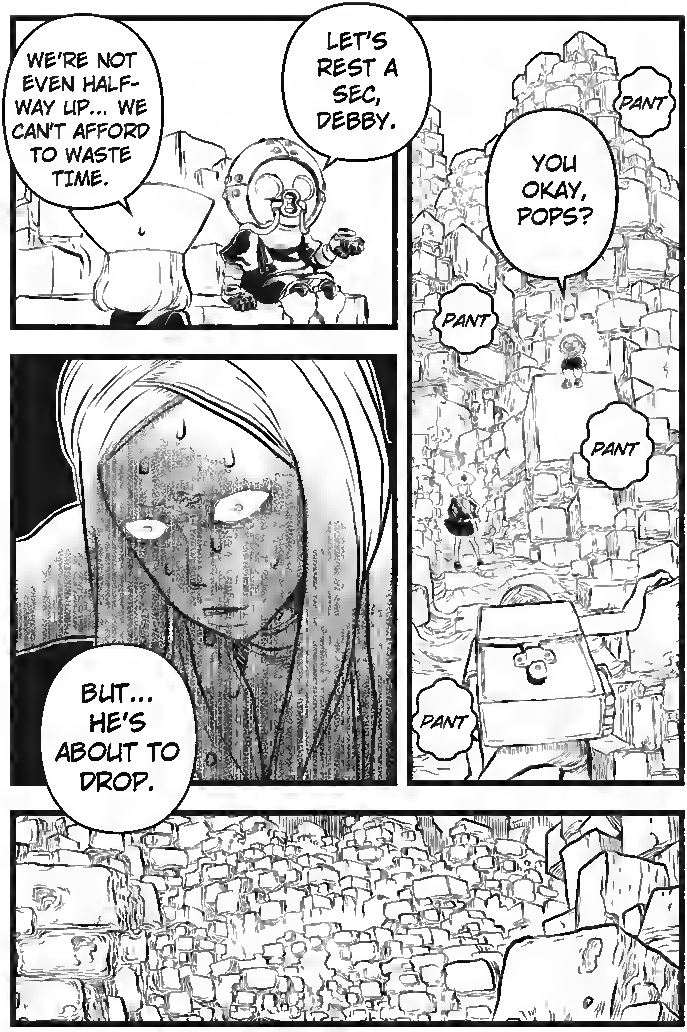

TACK TACK


YEAH, YEAH. GOOD OL' PEDO-KATUR!
DON'T FORGET THAT IT'S ALSO THANKS TO THE "UNTRUST-WORTHY" MEDIKATUR!


RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
SOME HUMANS ...
HOW! HOW!
HEH HEH... HUMANS ...


ARE WE BEING WATCHED?
Glance
Glance
AGAIN...
...THE HECK IS GOING ON?!

GIGGLE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW US IF IT'S TOO HARD FOR YOU
WE DON'T WANT TO CONSTANTLY BE FIGHTING DEMONS. THIS IS THE LEAST GUARDED PATH TO FACTORY NO 2
WE'RE CLIMBING THIS?
IT'S A CLIFF! ISN'T THERE ANOTHER WAY?
IT'S NOT TOO HARD FOR ME! I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT MY BRO'S HEALTH!
HOW ARE YOU, STRA?
NEVER FELT BETTER!
SQUEEZE
PANT
tremble
tremble
PANT
PANT
PANT

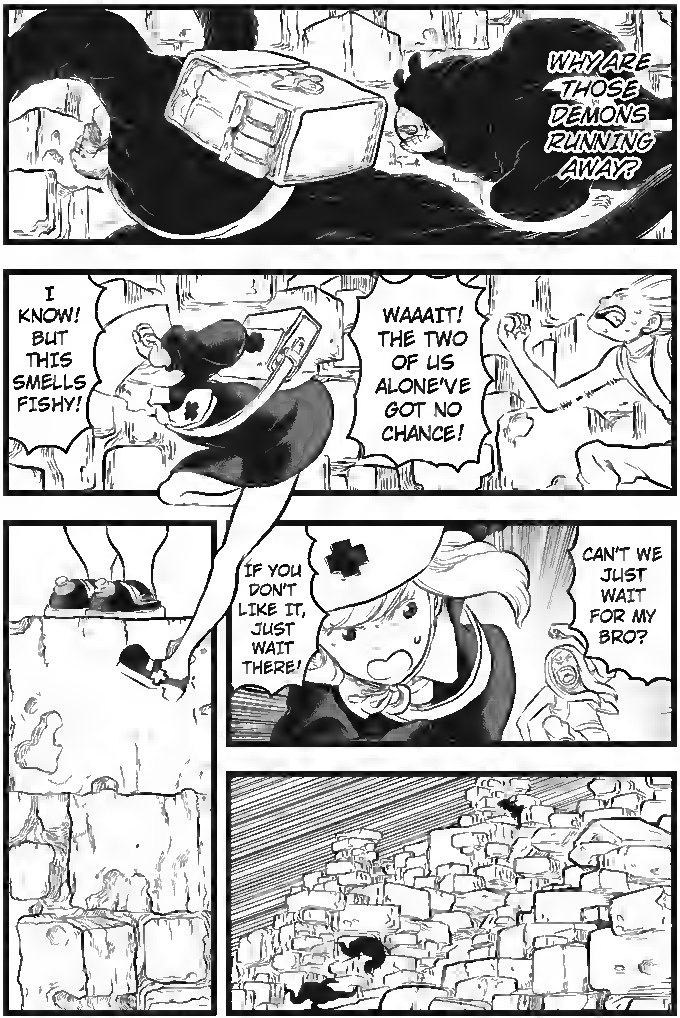

WE'RE NOT EVEN HALF-WAY UP... WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE TIME.
LET'S REST A SEC, DEBBY.
PANT
YOU OKAY, POPS?
PANT
PANT
PANT
BUT... HE'S ABOUT TO DROP.

AH! I'M BACK FROM THE DEAD!
GLUG GLUG
RUMBLE RUMBLE
HUH? NO WAY. I'M NOT TRYIN' TO DRAG ANY-THING...
THEN PLEASE DON'T ADD TO STRA'S BURDENS.
HUH? WHERE'S BRO?
HE'S CHECK-ING THE PERIM-ITER FOR DEMONS.
ARE YOU *TRYING* TO DRAG US DOWN, OLD MAN?
FINE! FINE, OKAY?

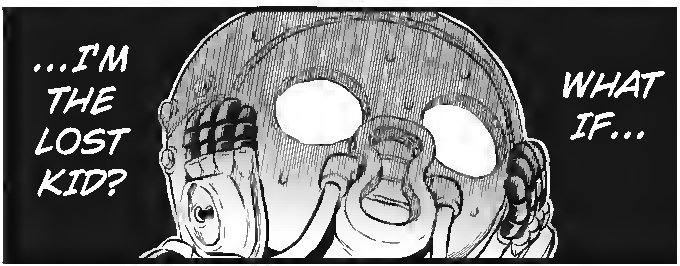
DASH
DASH
I'LL GRAB ALL OUR STUFF!
LET'S LEAVE RIGHT NOW! OKAY?
UH... THE BAG...

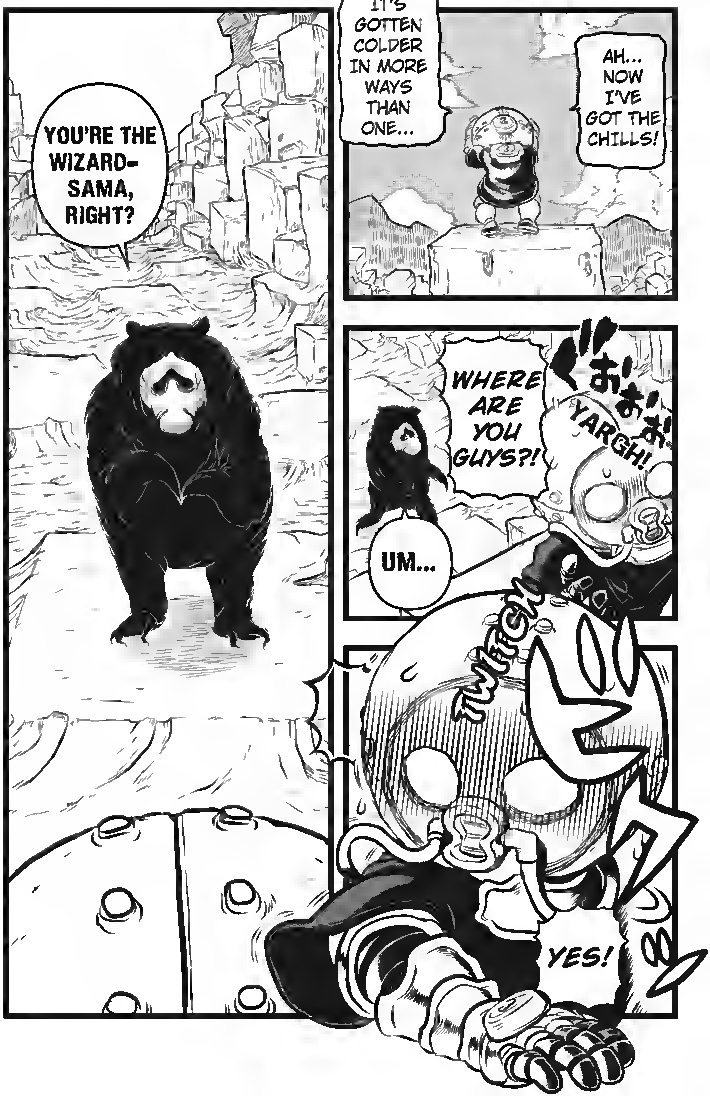
DE...
DE-
MONS
?
AH!
WHACK
FU

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
STRA'S NOT HERE, BUT...
OW, OW...
NO... WAIT!
AH! HEY!
DASH!

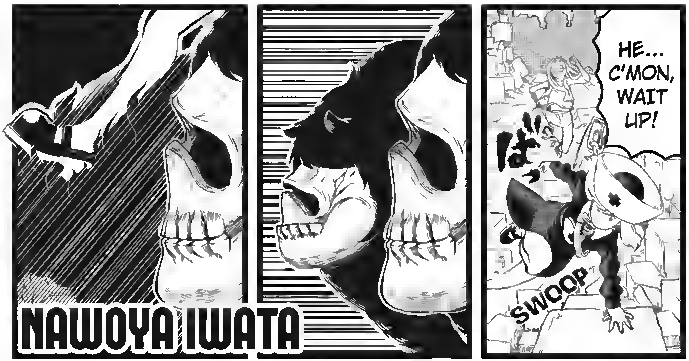

WHY ARE THOSE DEMONS RUNNING AWAY?
I KNOW! BUT THIS SMELLS FISHY!
WAAAIT! THE TWO OF US ALONE'VE GOT NO CHANCE!
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, JUST WAIT THERE!
CAN'T WE JUST WAIT FOR MY BRO?

HM... WHERE DID DEBBY AND POPS GO?
I SAID I WAS COMING RIGHT BACK...
THEY'RE LIKE LOST KIDS!
!


...I'M THE LOST KID?
WHAT IF...


IT'S GOTTEN COLDER IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE...
AH... NOW I'VE GOT THE CHILLS!
YOU'RE THE WIZARD-SAMA, RIGHT?
WHERE ARE YOU GUYS?!
YARGH!!
UM...
TWITCH
YES!

PLEASE...
HELP US... HELP "THE BADGERS"!



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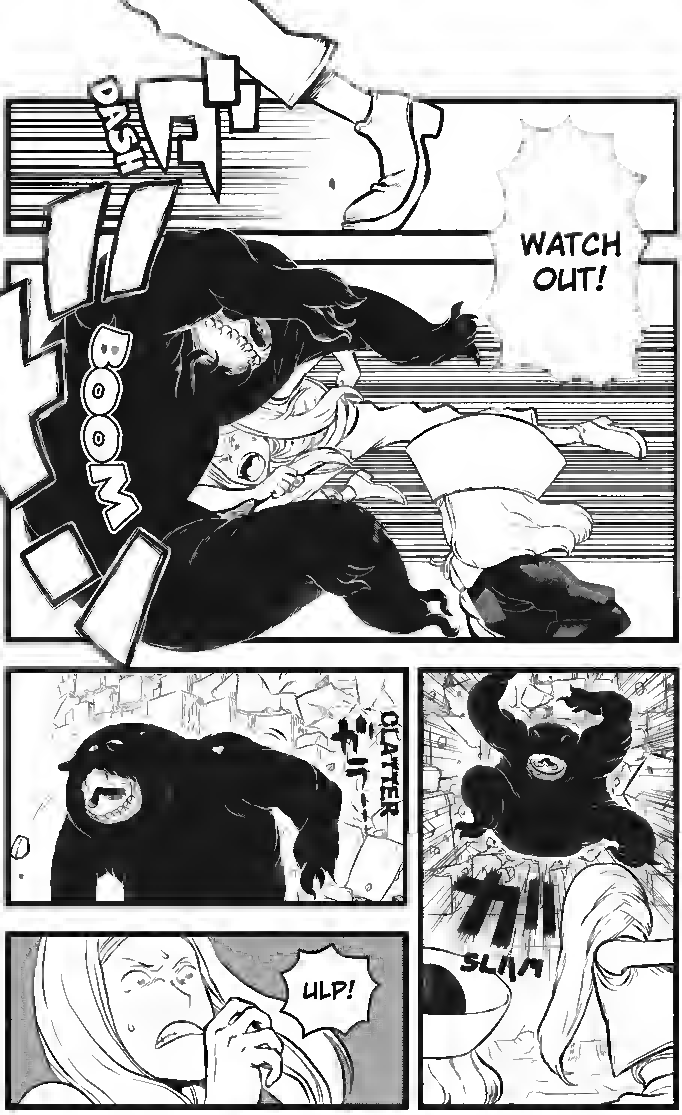
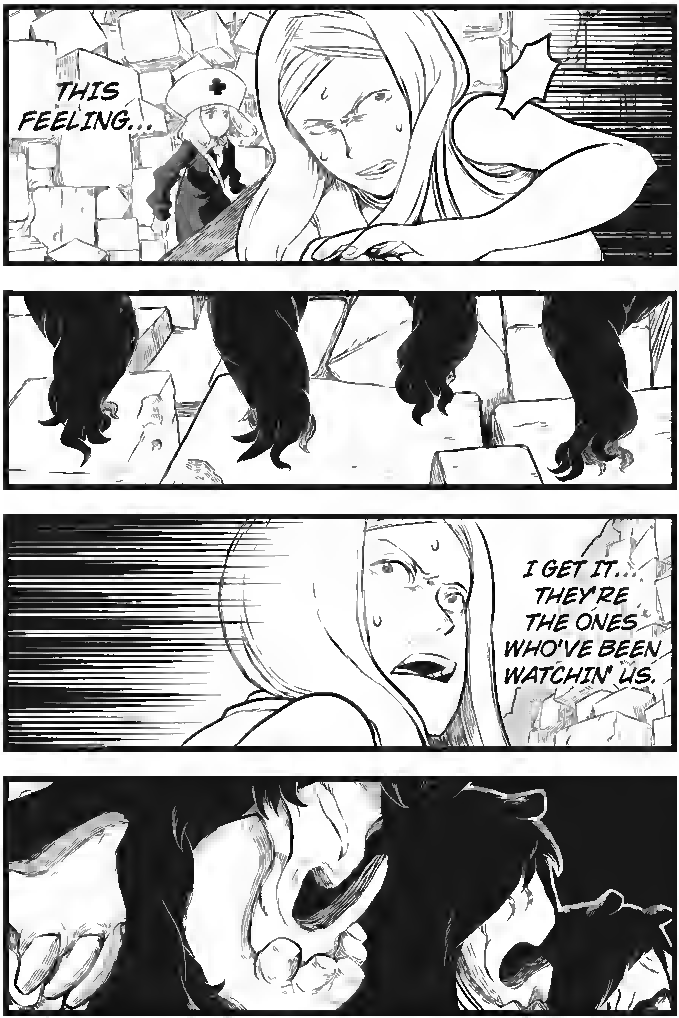
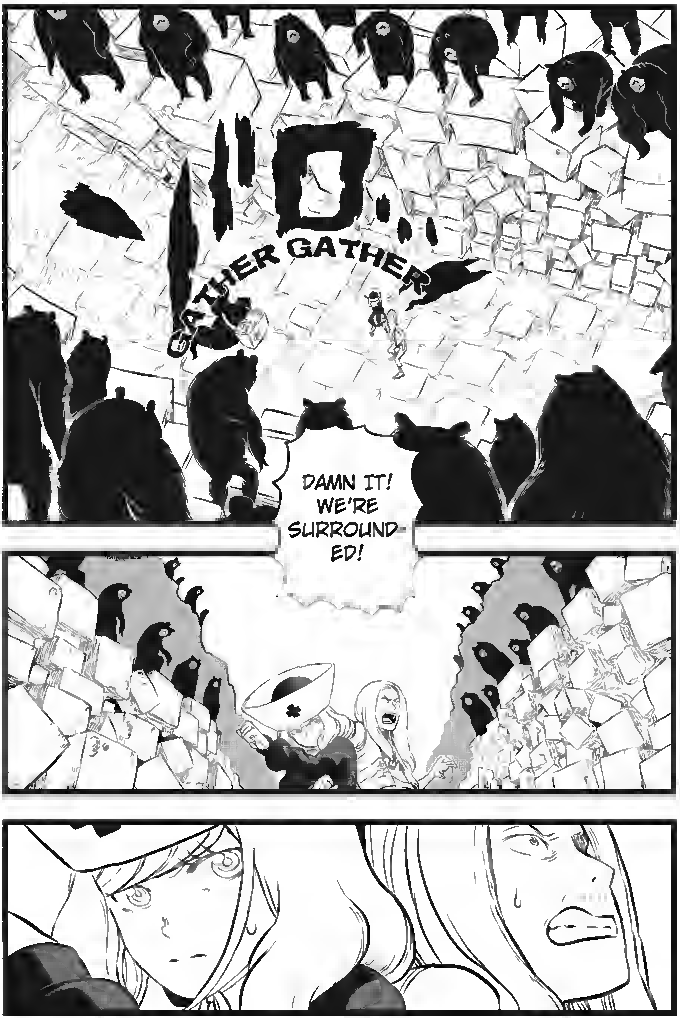
NOW I'M GOING TO GET SERIOUS!
DASH
SWING
SWING

WHACK
WH
AM
THE FEEL OF THAT PUNCH...
DASH
HUH?

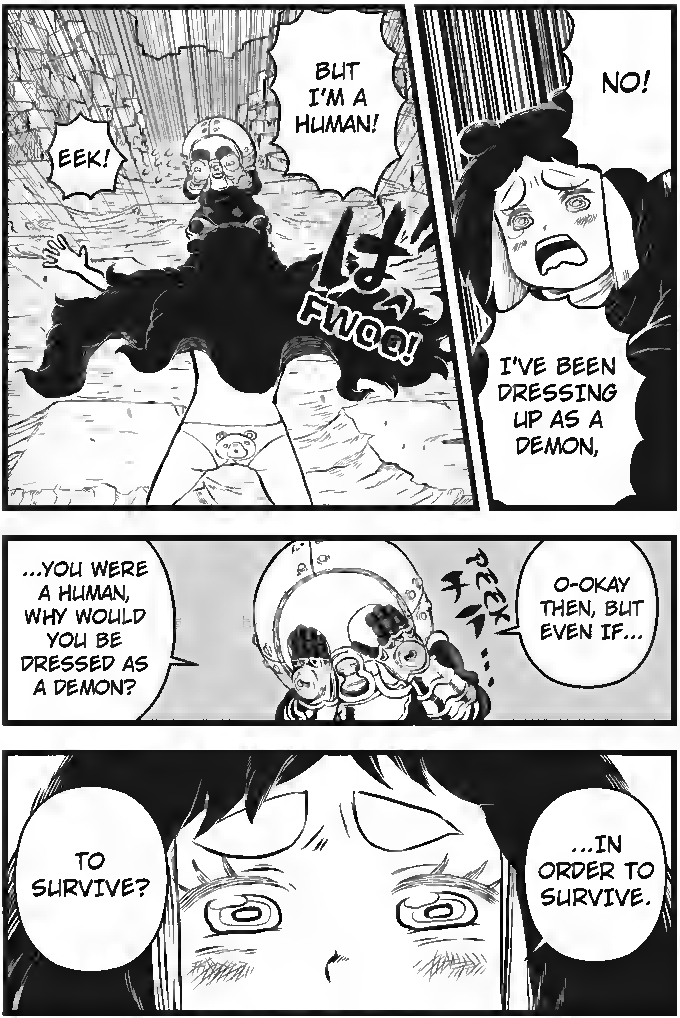

DASH
BOOM
WATCH OUT!
CLATTER
ガラ
ガシ
SLAM
ULP!

AWOMP
CLONK
WOBBLE
I DON'T RECALL ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA THANK ME?
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR STRA.
UGH.

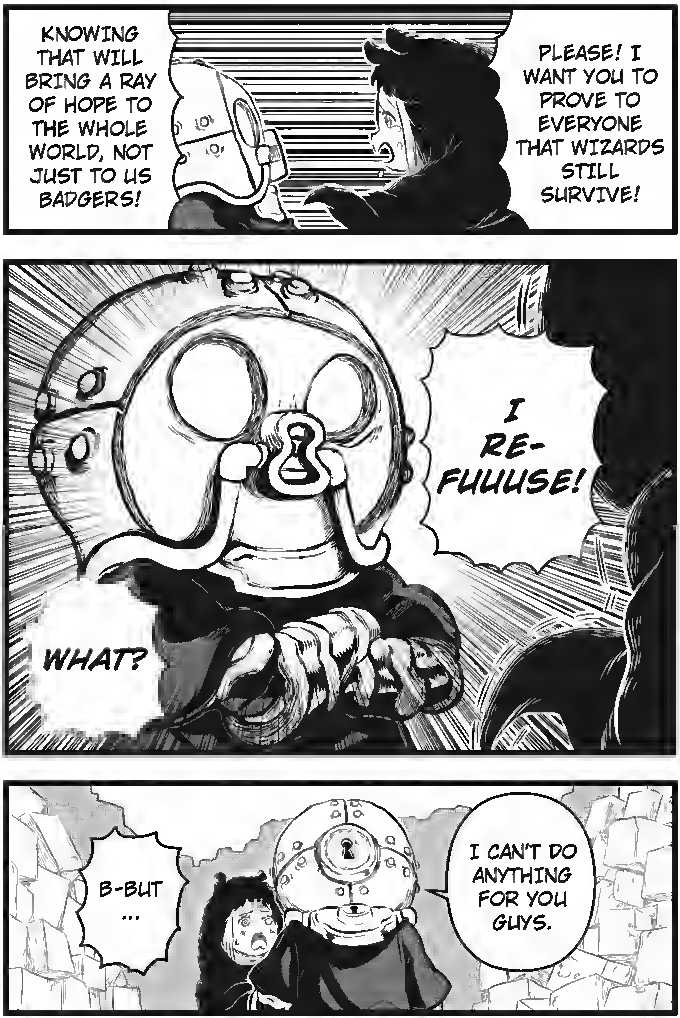

THIS FEELING...
I GET IT... THEY'RE THE ONES WHO'VE BEEN WATCHIN' US.


GATHER GATHER
DAMN IT! WE'RE SURROUND-ED!

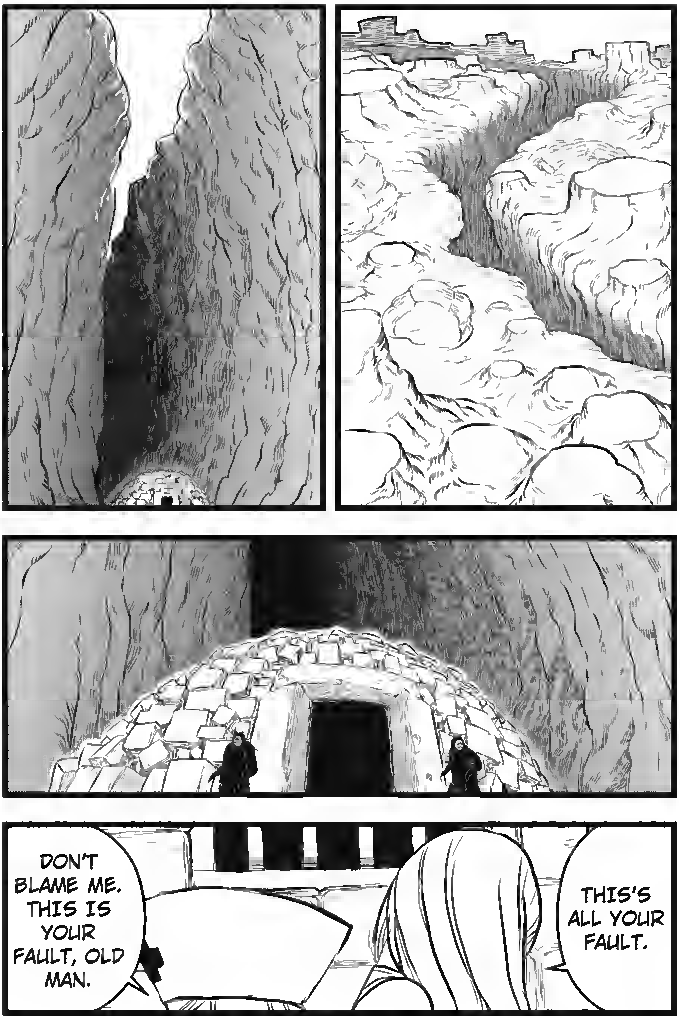
MY NAME IS BEAKKA.
PLEASE HELP US. HELP "THE BADGERS"!
YOU DEMON!
HUH?
SO NOW YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DISGUISE YOUR-SELVES AS HUMANS?

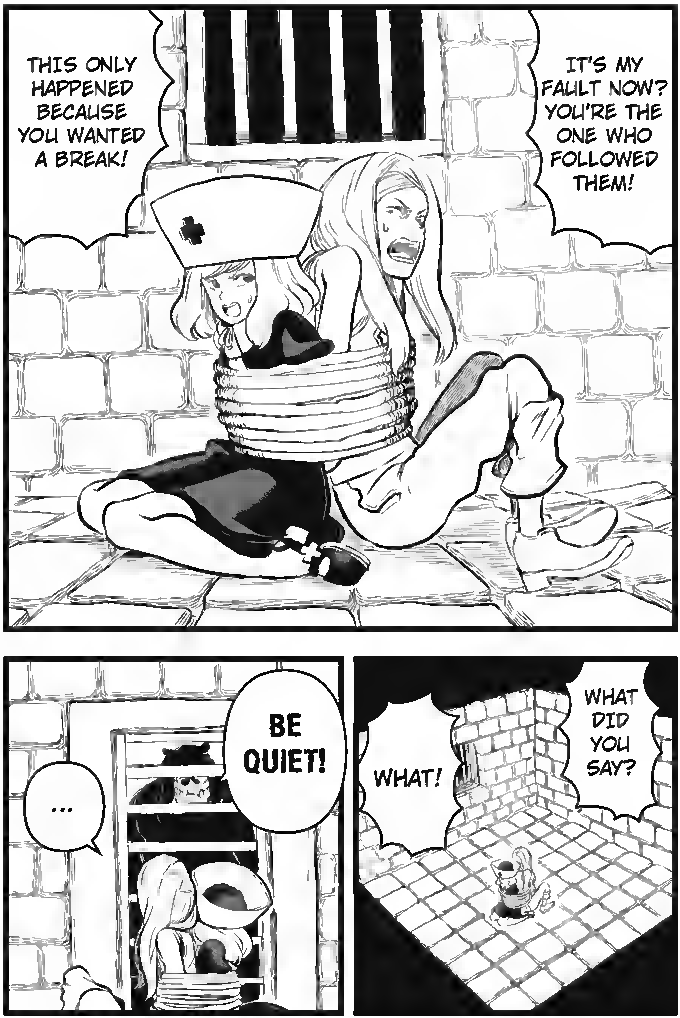

NO!
I'VE BEEN DRESSING UP AS A DEMON,
BUT I'M A HUMAN!
EEK!
FWOO!
O-OKAY THEN, BUT EVEN IF...
PEEK
...YOU WERE A HUMAN, WHY WOULD YOU BE DRESSED AS A DEMON?
...IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.
TO SURVIVE?

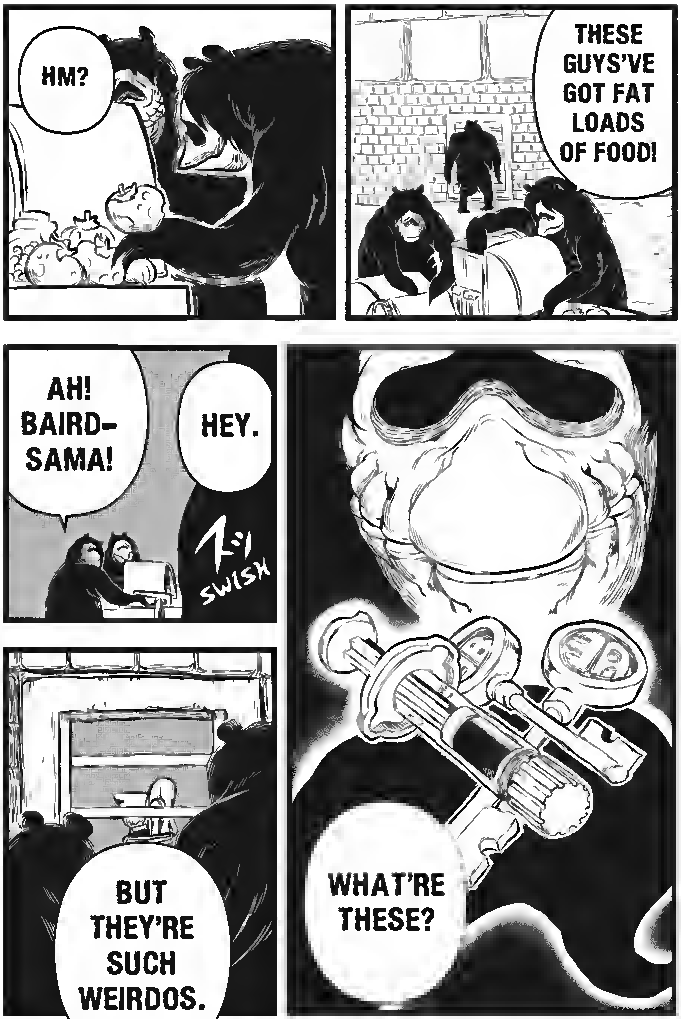
OUR VILLAGE WAS ATTACKED AND TAKEN OVER BY DEMONS, BUT WE RAN AWAY FROM THEM...
WE'VE LIVED SO FAR BY DECIEVING THEM... CAMOUFLAGING OURSELVES TO LOOK LIKE THEM.
BUT TO LIVE LIKE THIS IS TO THROW AWAY YOUR HUMANITY.
WE ATTACK PEOPLE WHO HAVE ESCAPED THE DEMONS...
WE HAVEN'T KILLED ANYONE YET, BUT...
WE'VE ALREADY BECOME SOMETHING NO BETTER THAN THE DEMONS.


KNOWING THAT WILL BRING A RAY OF HOPE TO THE WHOLE WORLD, NOT JUST TO US BADGERS!
PLEASE! I WANT YOU TO PROVE TO EVERYONE THAT WIZARDS STILL SURVIVE!
I RE-FUUUSE!
WHAT?
B-BUT ...
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU GUYS.

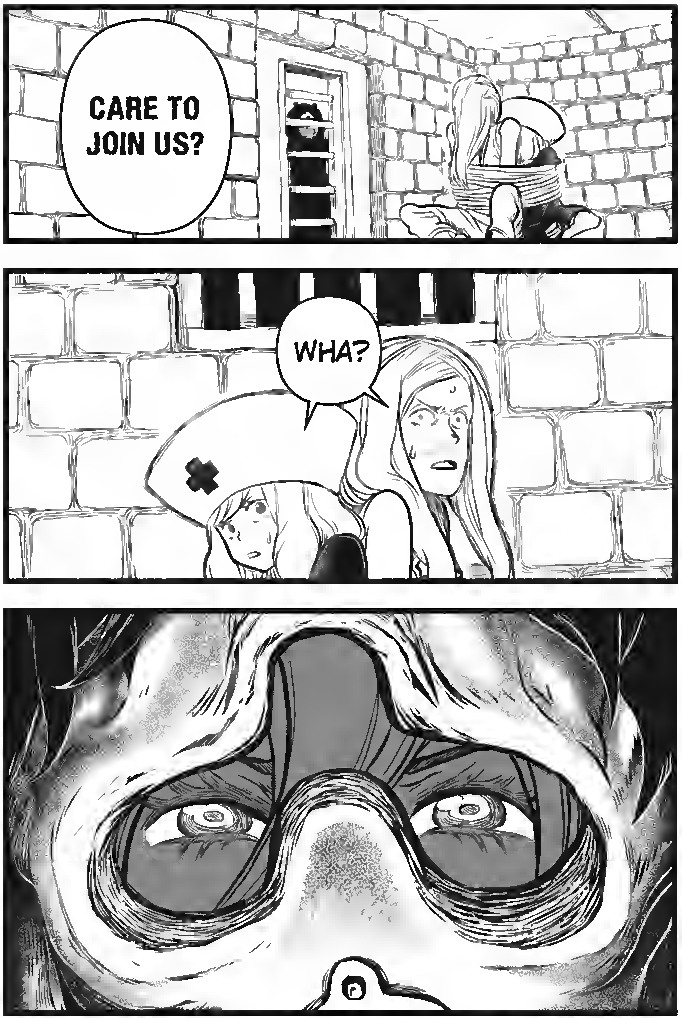
AND I CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING WITHOUT DEBBY...
UH... UM, ABOUT THE TWO WHO WERE WITH YOU..
KILLING DEMONS ...
IS THE ONLY MEANING MY LIFE HAS.
HUH?
THE BADGERS...

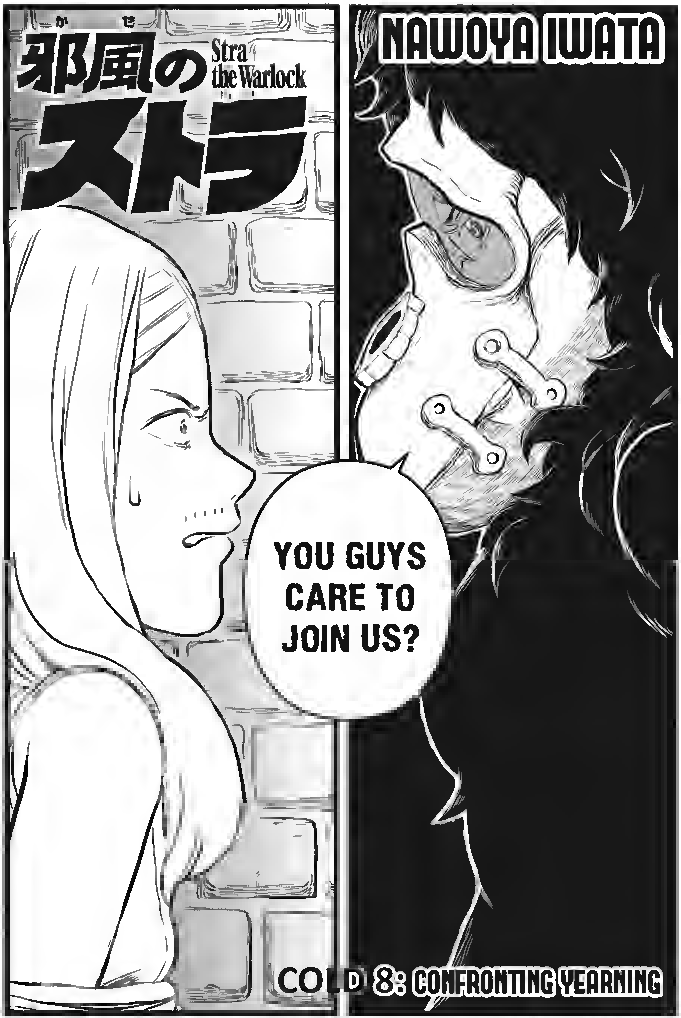

DON'T BLAME ME. THIS IS YOUR FAULT, OLD MAN.
THIS'S ALL YOUR FAULT.


THIS ONLY HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU WANTED A BREAK!
IT'S MY FAULT NOW? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FOLLOWED THEM!
...
BE QUIET!
WHAT!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?


HM?
THESE GUYS'VE GOT FAT LOADS OF FOOD!
AH! BAIRD-SAMA!
HEY.
SWISH
WHAT'RE THESE?
BUT THEY'RE SUCH WEIRDOS.

HEH HEH...
WHEN THEY SAW US, INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY,
THEY STARTED COMING AT US. CRAZY! WHAT DO I DO WITH THEM?
YOU GUYS.


CARE TO JOIN US?
WHA?



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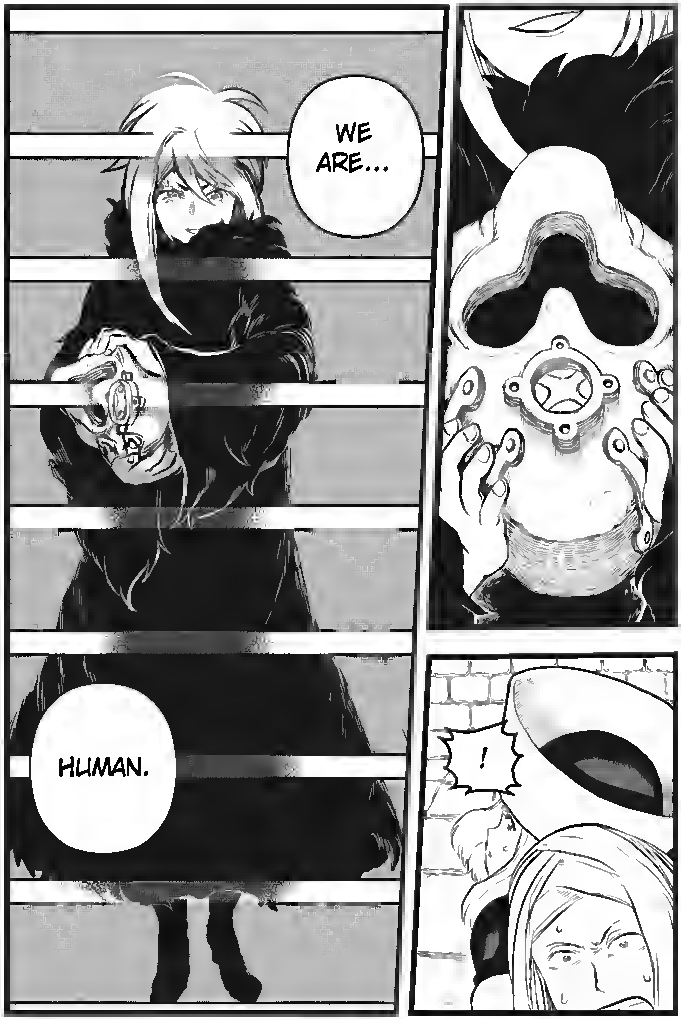
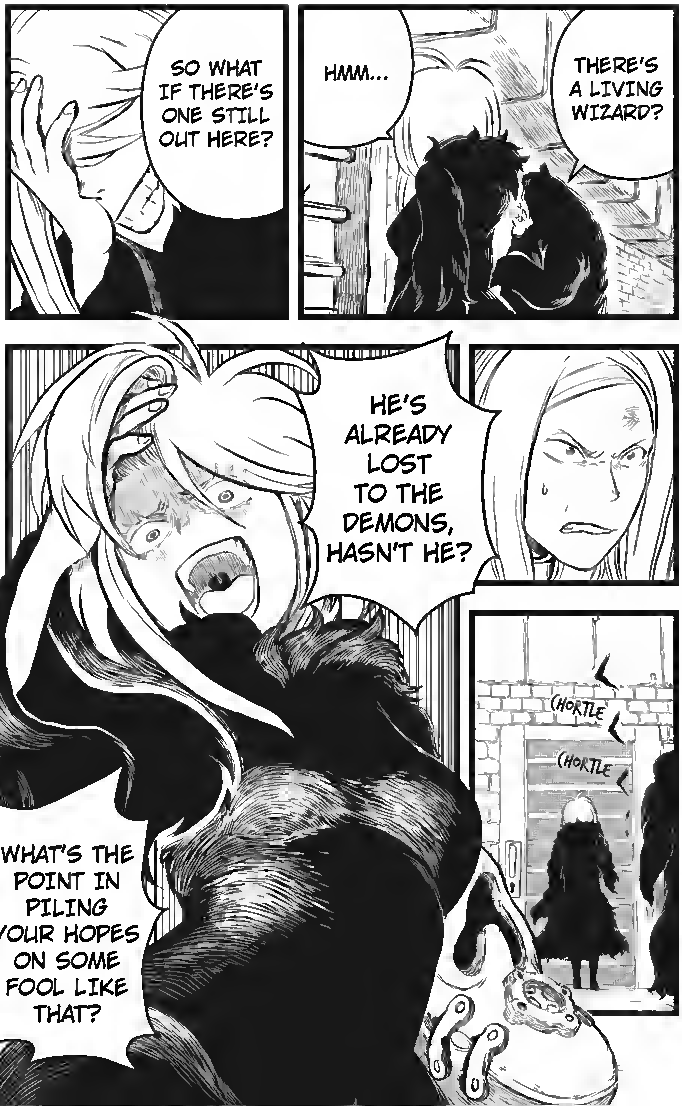

WE ARE...
HUMAN.
!

IF YOU'RE HUMAN, THEN THIS WILL BE SIMPLE!
BAIRD-SAMA?
LET US TALK.
LET US OUT OF HERE!
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE THIS, BUT...
THERE'S STILL ONE LIVING WIZARD!
WE NEED TO LOOK FOR MY BRO!


SO WHAT IF THERE'S ONE STILL OUT HERE?
HMM...
THERE'S A LIVING WIZARD?
HE'S ALREADY LOST TO THE DEMONS, HASN'T HE?
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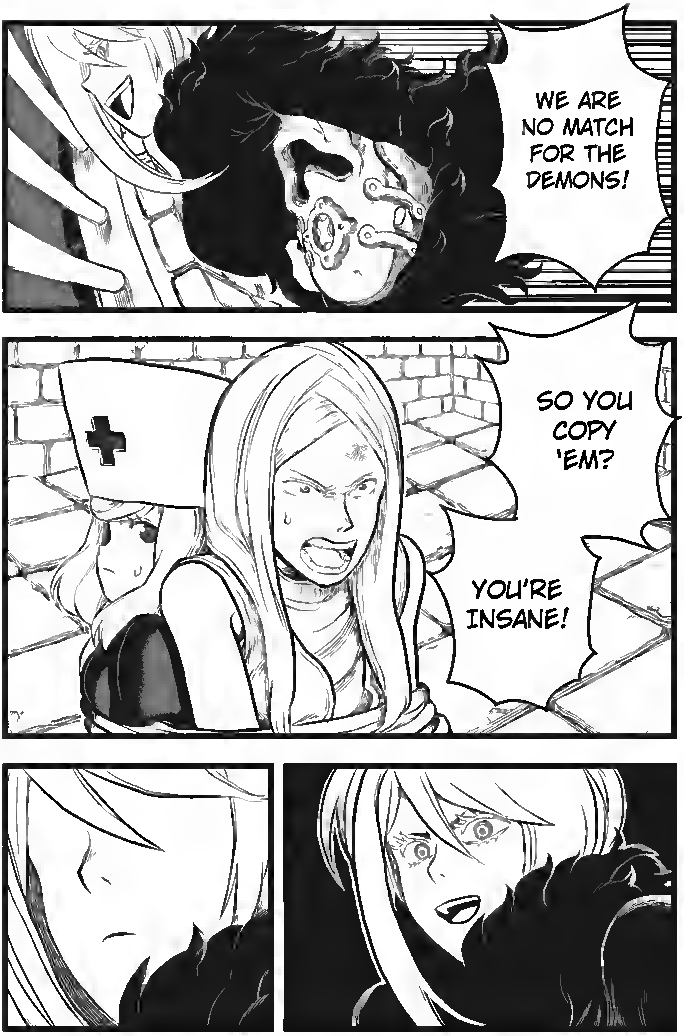
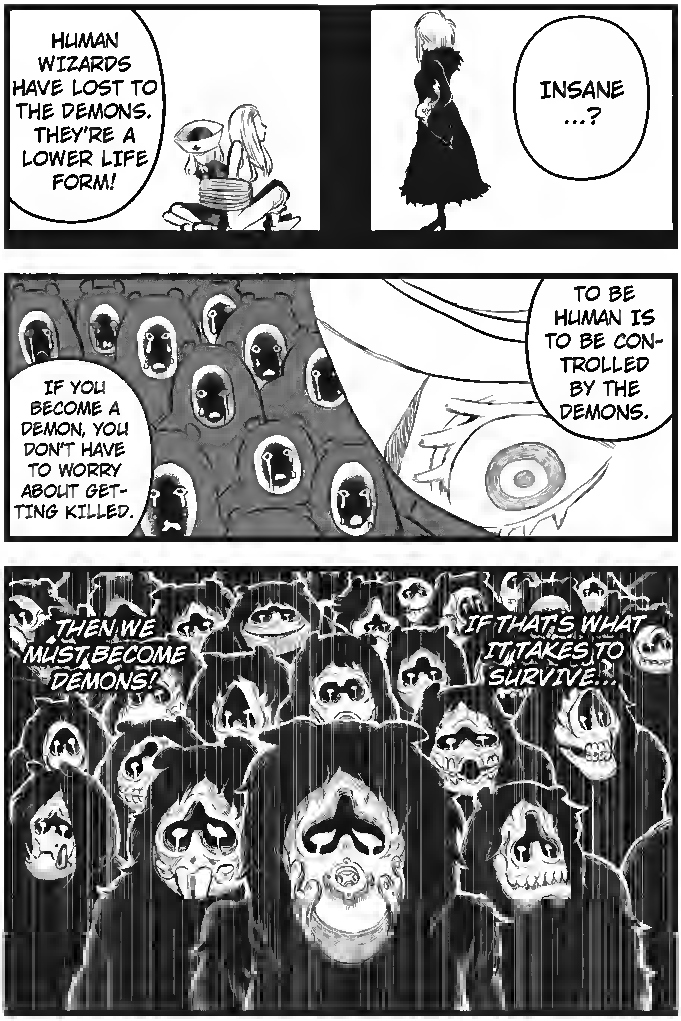
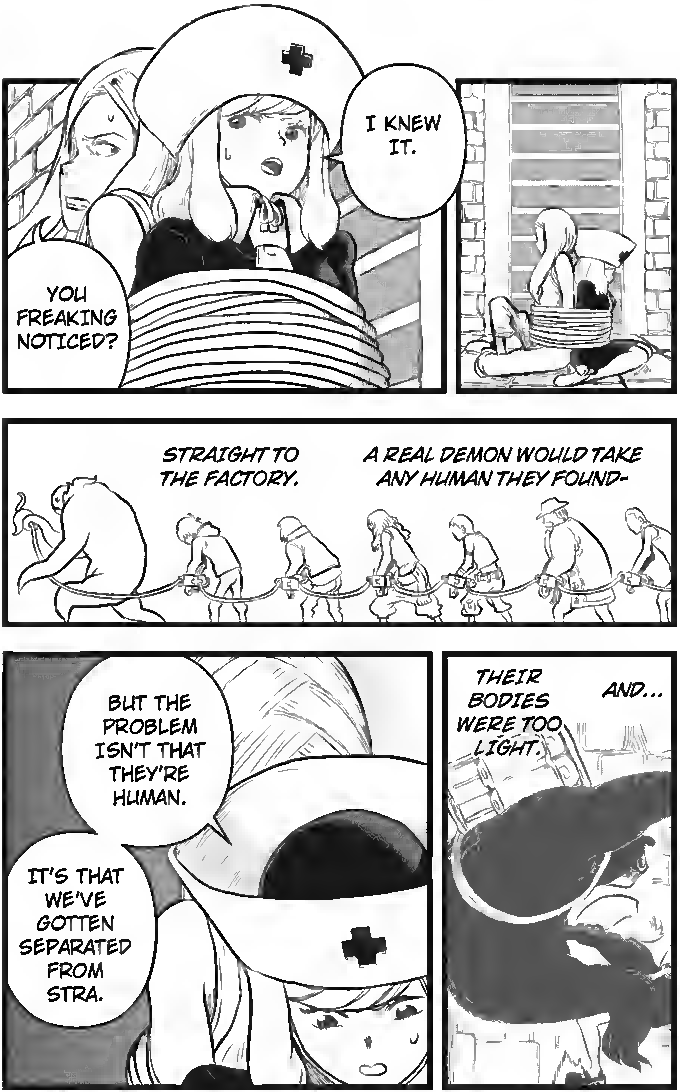
WHAT'S THE POINT IN PILING YOUR HOPES ON SOME FOOL LIKE THAT?

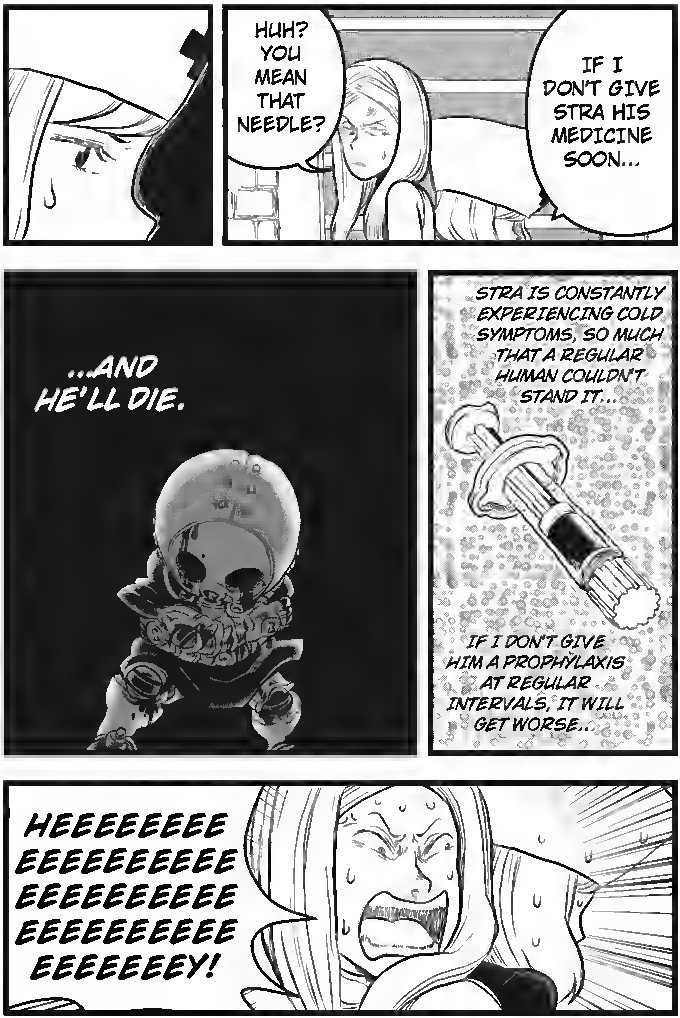

WE ARE NO MATCH FOR THE DEMONS!
SO YOU COPY 'EM?
YOU'RE INSANE!

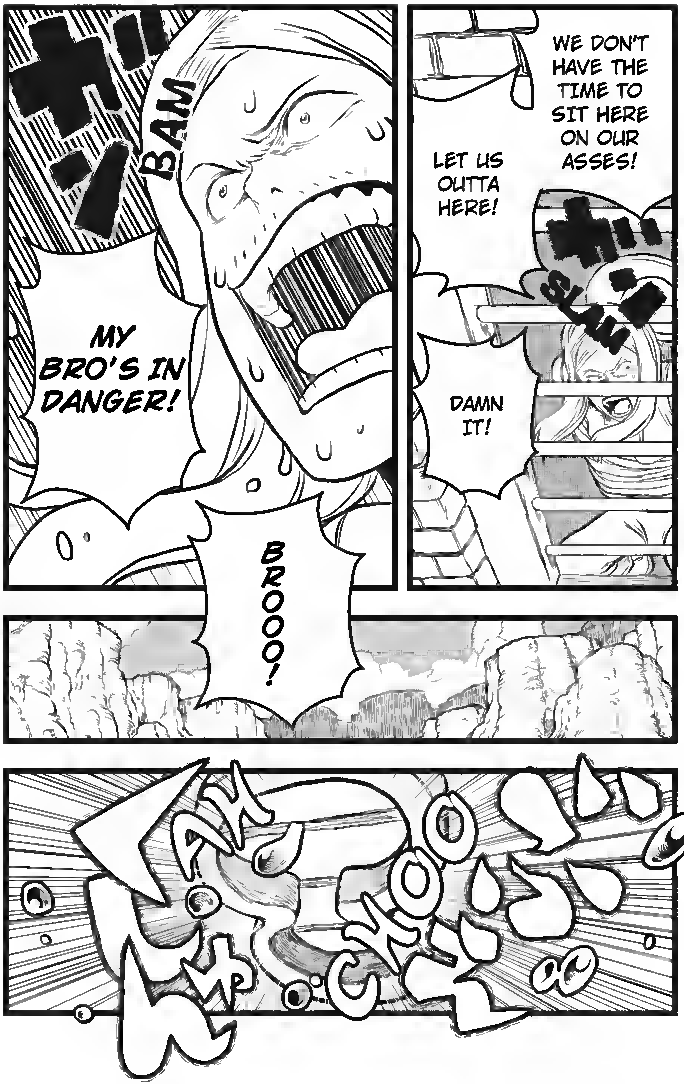

HUMAN WIZARDS HAVE LOST TO THE DEMONS. THEY'RE A LOWER LIFE FORM!
INSANE ...?
TO BE HUMAN IS TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE DEMONS.
IF YOU BECOME A DEMON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING KILLED.
THEN WE MUST BECOME DEMONS!
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO SURVIVE...

THAT'S INSANE.
HUMANS THINKING THEY CAN RESIST THE DEMONS...
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE DAY.
FAR MORE INSANE THAN...
CAMOU-FLAGING YOUR-SELF LIKE US
THINK ABOUT IT.

I KNOW.
BUT, BAIRD-SAMA, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
ABOUT HAVING THEM JOIN US...
IF THEY REFUSE US OR DEFY US...
THEY KNOW WHAT WE ARE, SO WE CANNOT LET THEM GO ALIVE...
WE NEED ONLY ERASE THEM.


I KNEW IT.
YOU FREAKING NOTICED?
STRAIGHT TO THE FACTORY.
A REAL DEMON WOULD TAKE ANY HUMAN THEY FOUND-
BUT THE PROBLEM ISN'T THAT THEY'RE HUMAN.
IT'S THAT WE'VE GOTTEN SEPARATED FROM STRA.
THEIR BODIES WERE TOO LIGHT.
AND...


HUH? YOU MEAN THAT NEEDLE?
IF I DON'T GIVE STRA HIS MEDICINE SOON...
...AND HE'LL DIE.
STRA IS CONSTANTLY EXPERIENCING COLD SYMPTOMS, SO MUCH THAT A REGULAR HUMAN COULDN'T STAND IT...
IF I DON'T GIVE HIM A PROPHYLAXIS AT REGULAR INTERVALS, IT WILL GET WORSE...
HEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEY!


BAM
MY BRO'S IN DANGER!
BROOO!
WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO SIT HERE ON OUR ASSES!
LET US OUTTA HERE!
DAMN IT!

*IT'S A COMMON JAPANESE SUPERSTITION THAT IF YOU SNEEZE IT MEANS SOMEONE'S TALKING ABOUT YOU

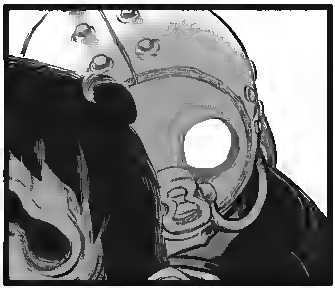
IT'S OKAY. BUT YOU'RE SHAKING SO HARD YOU CAN'T WALK... ARE YOU OKAY?
ERG... LIKE... SORRY.
GASP
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE BADGERS' HIDEOUT.

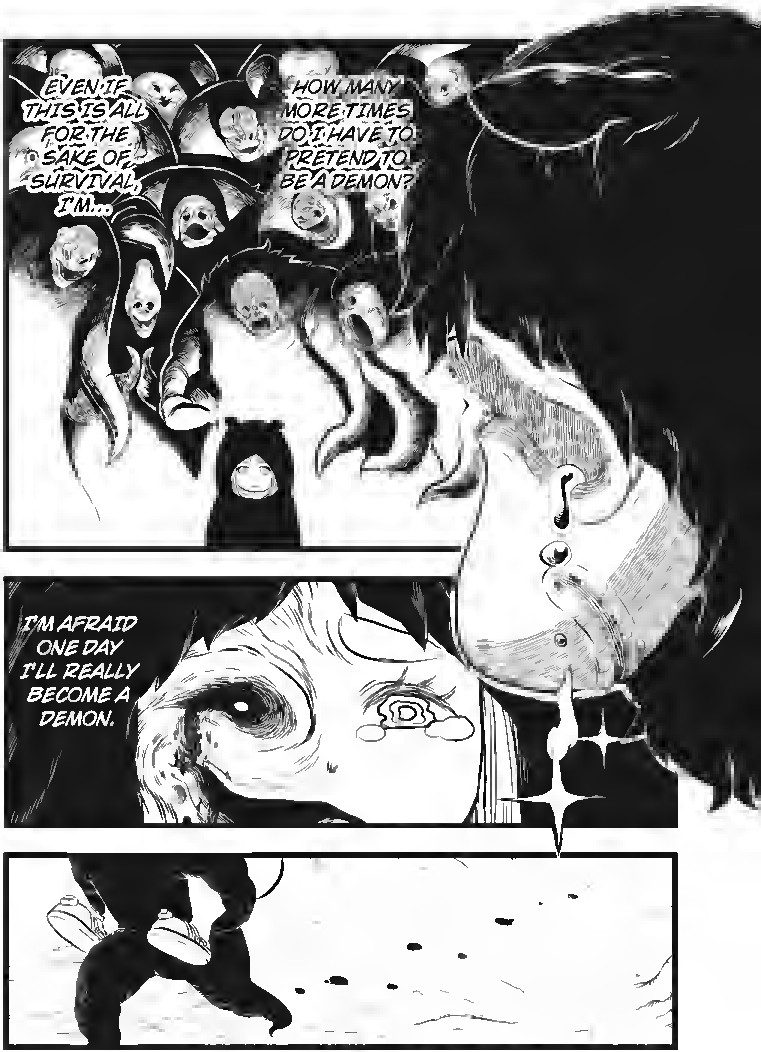
I SAW IT PASSED OUT OVER THERE SO I THOUGHT I'D TAKE IT BACK TO THE FACTORY.
Y-YEAH...
WHAT'RE YOU CARRYING? IS THAT A HUMAN?
YOU ORIVE THEM HARO FOR ONE OAY ANO THEY WEAR OUT SO OAMN FAST!
...HEH HEH!
BUT THAT HUMAN LOOKS PRETTY WEAK...

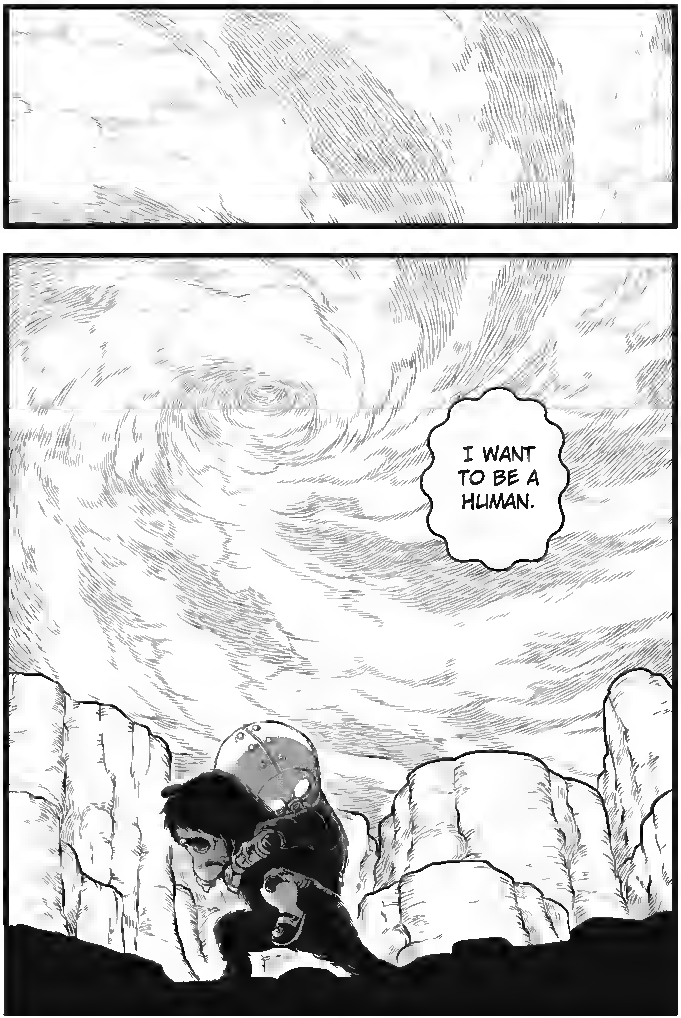
THOSE FILTHY HUMANS ARE OUR SLAVES.
WHAT'RE YOU ALL CONCERNED FOR, EH?
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU WORK THEM SO HARD!
HUMANS ARE DEMONS' SLAVES.
YA SEE?
AM I WRONG? THEY'RE NOT WORTH WORRYING ABOUT.
HUMANS ARE DEMONS' SLAVES
...YES, SIR.

COME ON! HURRY UP AND TAKE THAT HUMAN AWAY!
Y-YES, SIR.

WIZARD-SAMA...




EVEN IF THIS IS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF SURVIVAL, I'M...
HOW MANY MORE TIMES DO I HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE A DEMON?
I'M AFRAID ONE DAY I'LL REALLY BECOME A DEMON.


I WANT TO BE A HUMAN.

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HUH...
PUT ME DOWN.
TREMBLE
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SCRAPE
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TUGGER
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YOU CALLING ME A FILTHY HUMAN?
YOU FILTHY DEMON!
WHAT?

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SHUT THIS FILTHY HUMAN UP AND GET LOST!
Y-YES!
HEY, YOU!
HEY! TRYING TO BE A SMART ALECK, HUH? GET YOUR BUTT GOING!
LET'S GO. HE'LL FIND OUT ABOUT US!
UM... PLEASE... WIZARD-SAMA?
DRAG
DRAG

YOU CAN'T FIGHT LIKE THAT, CAN YOU?
PLEASE! LET IT GO FOR NOW!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
HE COULDN'T EVEN WALK BEFORE... WHY IS HE INSIST-ING?

tug tug tug tug tug tug tug tug tug tug
HE'S GOING TO KILL US!
WIZARD-SAMA! PLEASE DON'T FOOL AROUND ...
COME ON, WIZARD-SAMA...
Smolder
Smolder
Smolder
GRAGH!
ENOUGH!

HUH?
KILL IT.
KILL...
THAT HUMAN.

SHOW IT WHAT HAPPENS ...
HUH?
HUH?
WHEN YOU DEFY A DEMON.

KILL IT!
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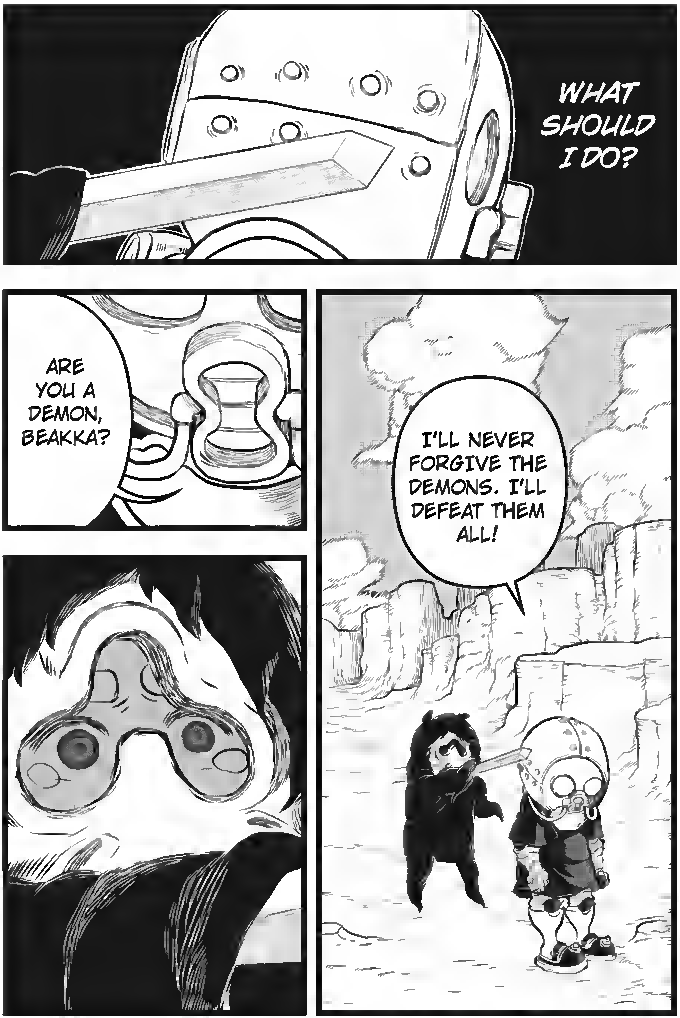
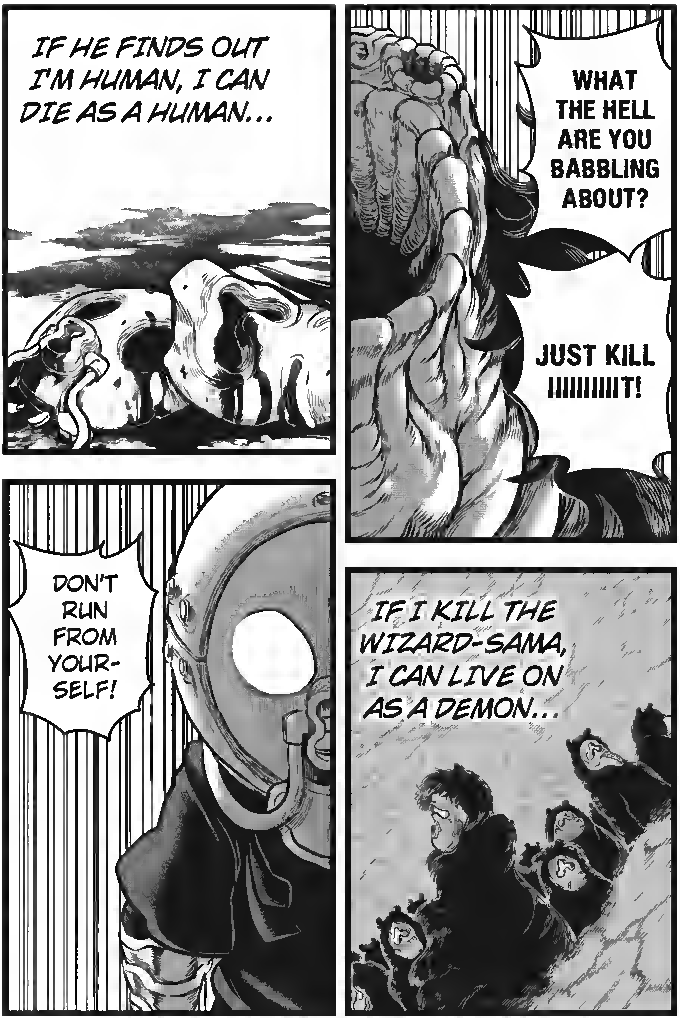
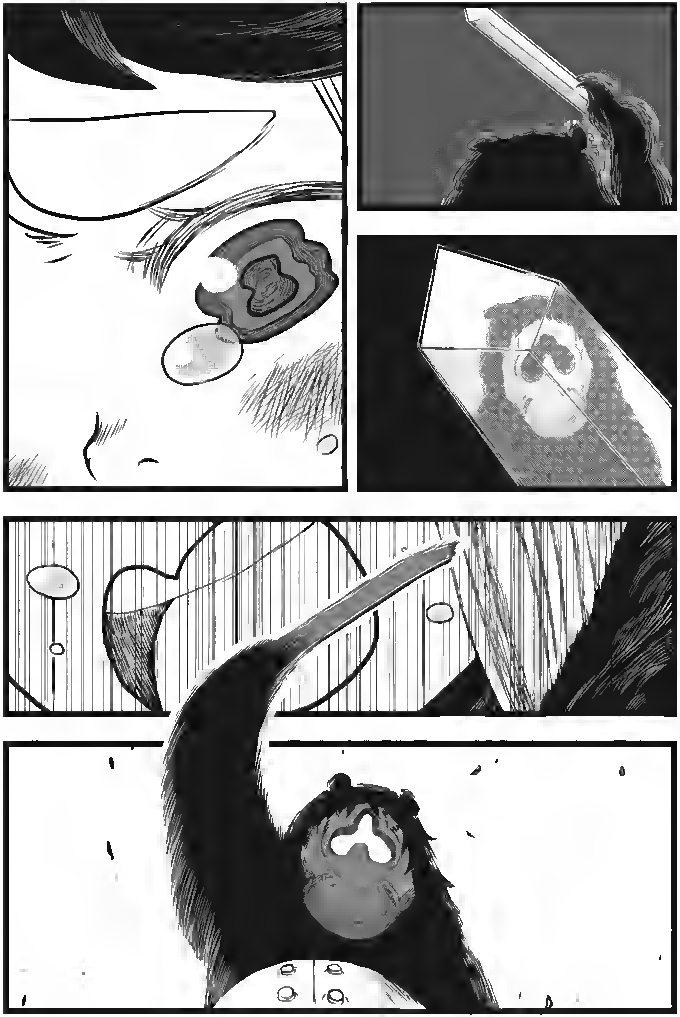
IF I DON'T DO THIS, HE'S GOING TO FIND OUT THAT WE'RE HUMAN,
AND HE'LL KILL US.
BE ABLE TO LIVE AS A HUMAN AGAIN.
I'D NEVER...
BUT IF I KILL THE WIZARD-SAMA,
WIZARD-SAMA...
I'D BE THE SAME...
...AS A DEMON.


WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ARE YOU A DEMON, BEAKKA?
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THE DEMONS. I'LL DEFEAT THEM ALL!

EVEN IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF DEATH, DON'T EVER GIVE UP ON BEING HUMAN!
FIGHT YOUR URGE!
YOU'RE HUMAN,
BEAKKA!


IF HE FINDS OUT I'M HUMAN, I CAN DIE AS A HUMAN...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?
JUST KILL IIIIIIIIIT!
DON'T RUN FROM YOUR-SELF!
IF I KILL THE WIZARD-SAMA, I CAN LIVE ON AS A DEMON...



STAB
PRETEND ANY-MORE!
I WON'T...

GUAAAARGH!!
I'M...

...GOING TO LIVE AS A HUMAN!
WHAA
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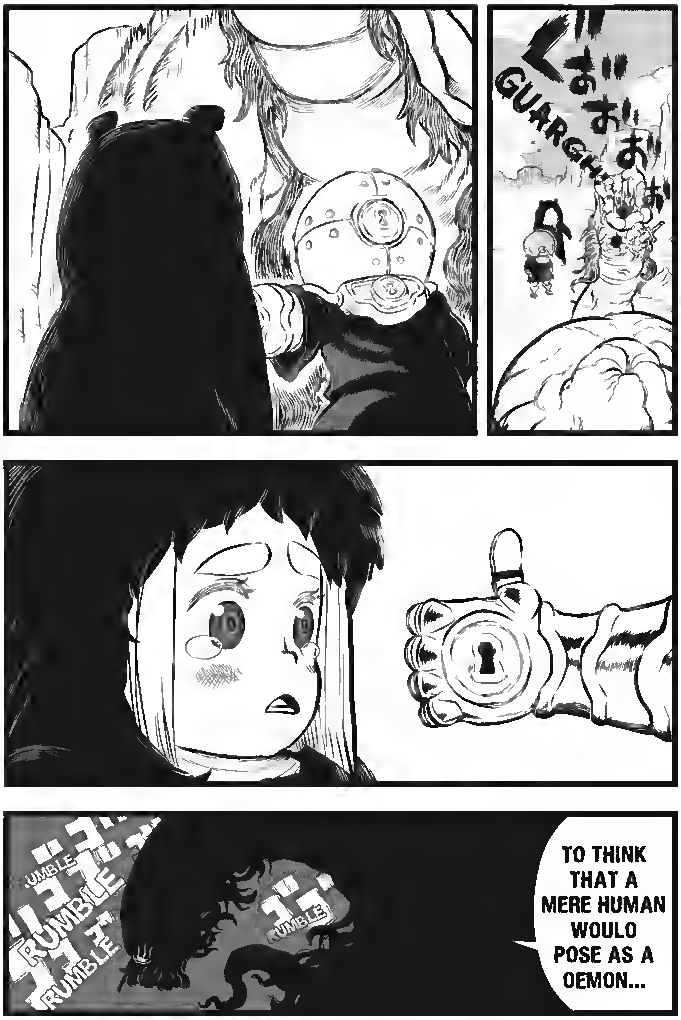
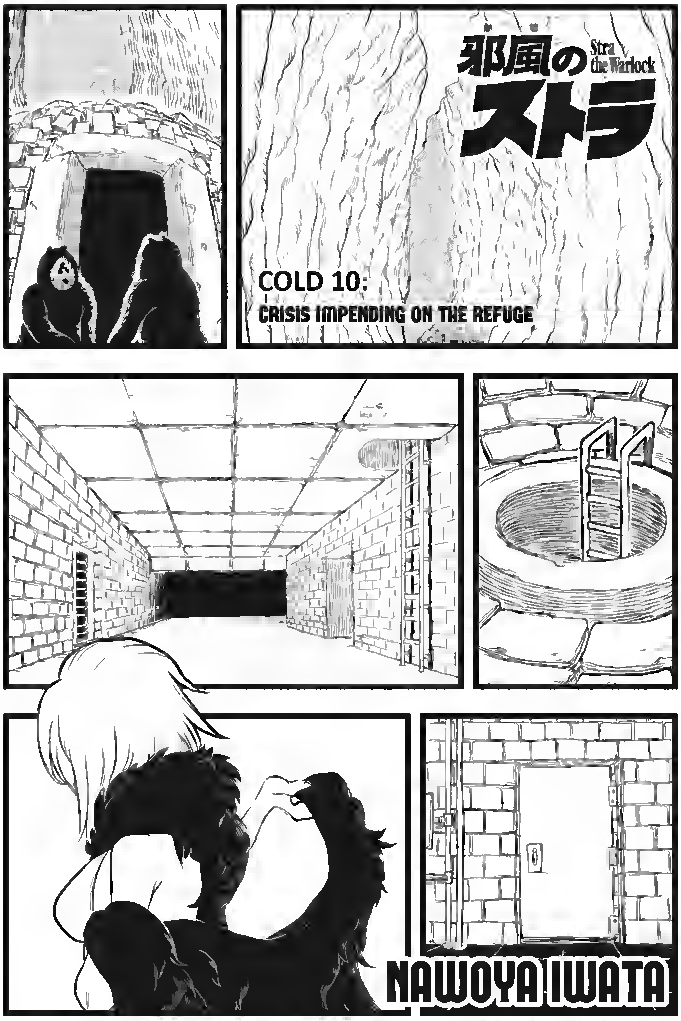

GUARGH!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
TO THINK THAT A MERE HUMAN WOULO POSE AS A OEMON...

NEVER FELT BETTER!
WIZARD-SAMA! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I'LL SLAUGH-TER YOU!
SHOW ME THE WAY...
...TO WHERE DEBBY AND RUDOLPH ARE!



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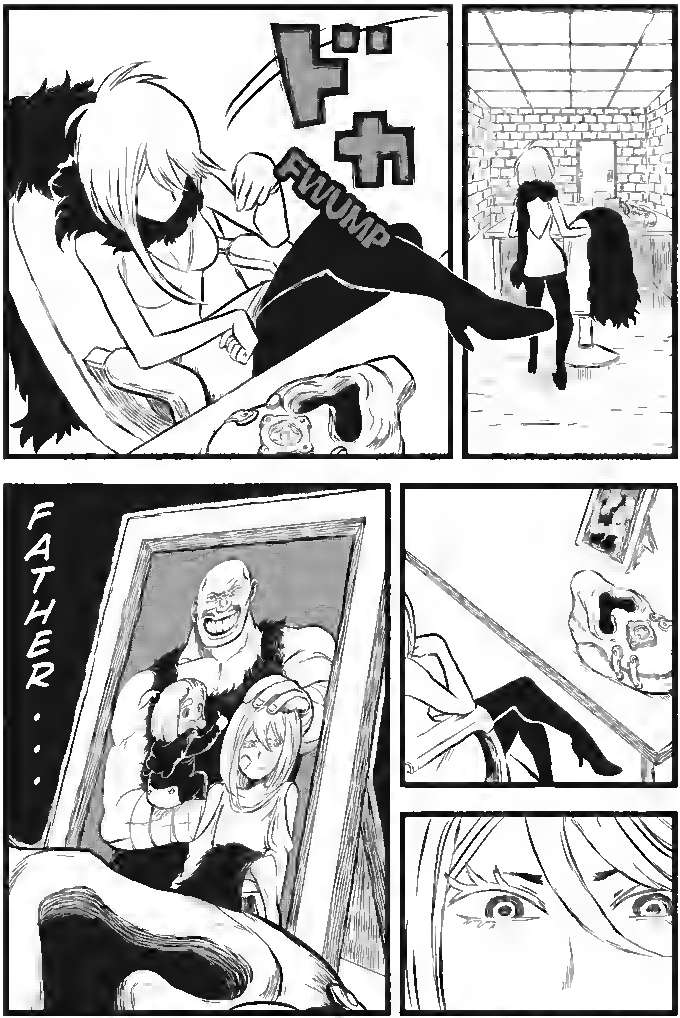

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I WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER.
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE A BETTER LEADER TO THE BADGERS THAN I EVER WAS.

DON'T SAY...!
LISTEN UP, YOU GUYS!
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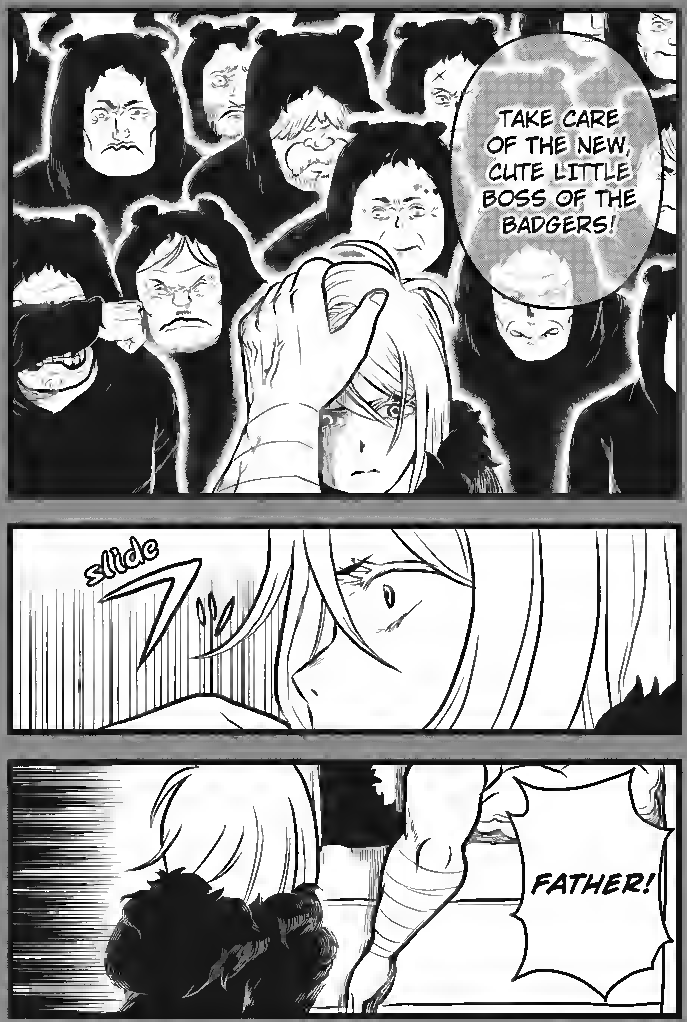
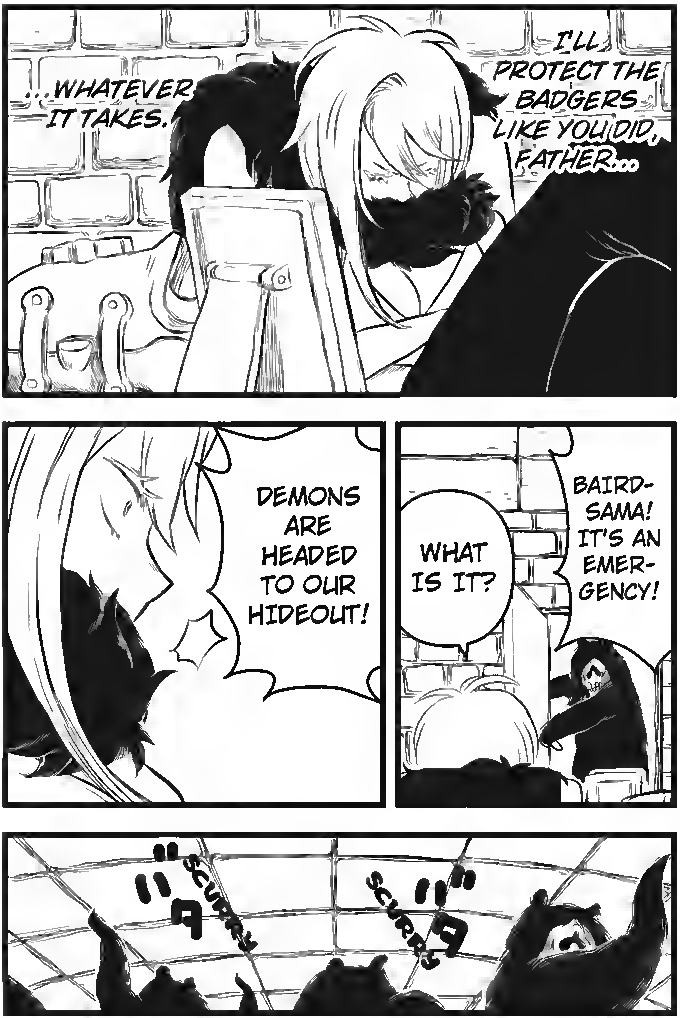
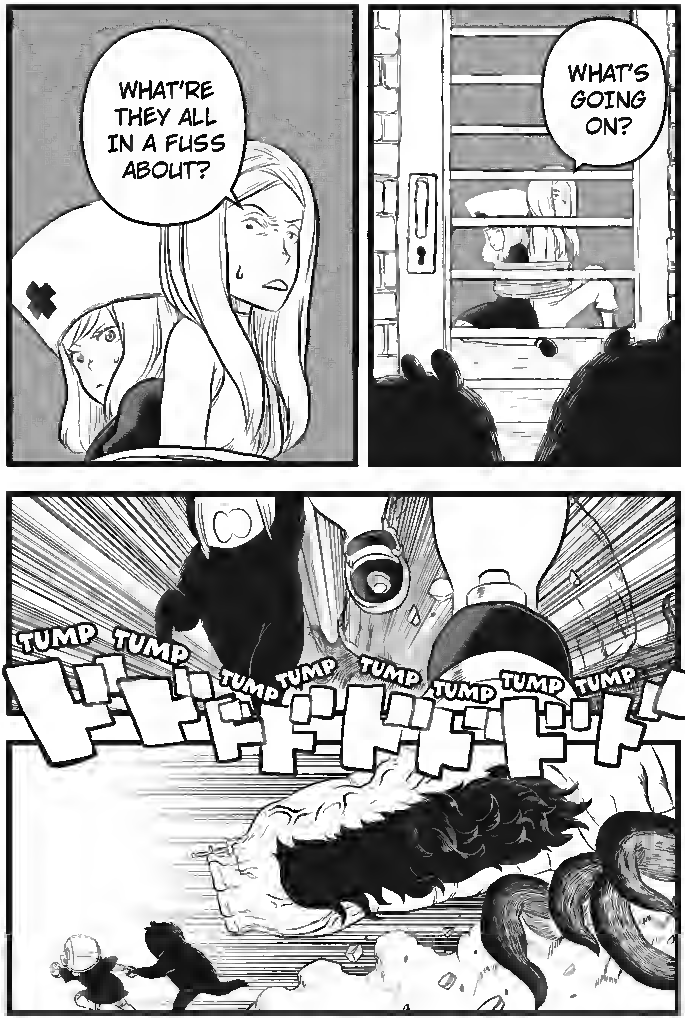
RUFFLE
WE MAY NOT BE BOUND BY BLOOD, BUT YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER.


TAKE CARE OF THE NEW, CUTE LITTLE BOSS OF THE BADGERS!
slide
FATHER!


...WHATEVER IT TAKES.
I'LL PROTECT THE BADGERS LIKE YOU DID, FATHER...
DEMONS ARE HEADED TO OUR HIDEOUT!
WHAT IS IT?
BAIRD-SAMA! IT'S AN EMER-GENCY!
SCURRY
SCURRY


WHAT'RE THEY ALL IN A FUSS ABOUT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
TUMP TUMP
TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP
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BAM
BAM
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MIRI
MIRI
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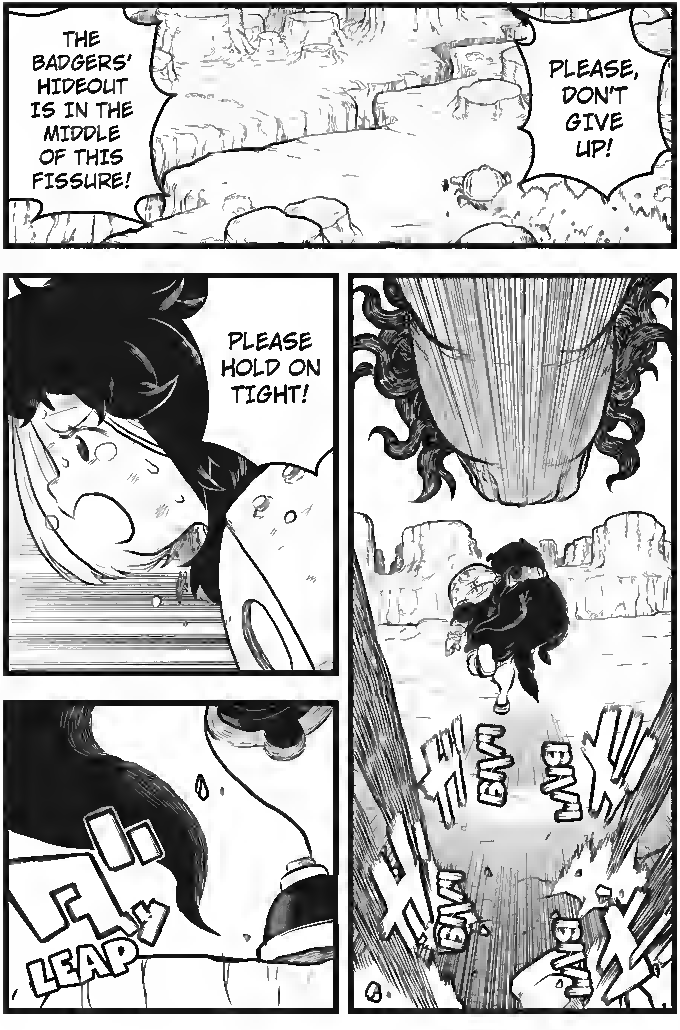
WIZARD-SAMA!


THE BADGERS' HIDEOUT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS FISSURE!
PLEASE, DON'T GIVE UP!
PLEASE HOLD ON TIGHT!
LEAP
HYAH!
HYAH!
HYAH!
HYAH!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAAAAAAAAY!

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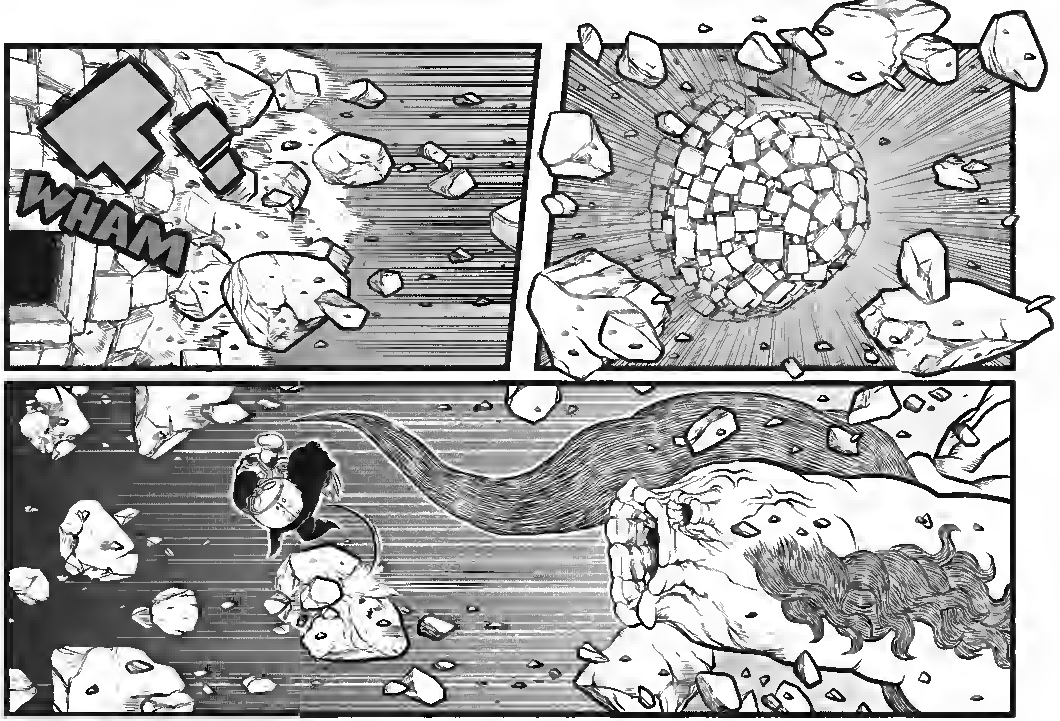

WHAM

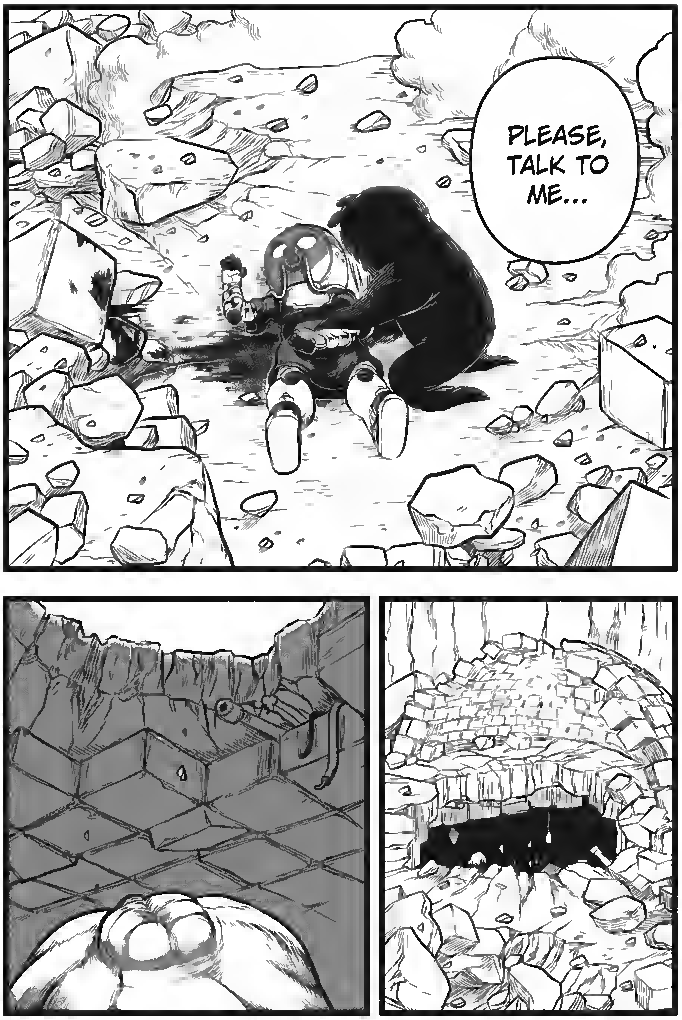
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SCRAPE
AN EARTH-QUAKE?
WHAT DO WE DO, BAIRD-SAMA!?
HAVE THE DEMONS FOUND OUT ABOUT US?

DON'T PANIC!
WE DON'T KNOW YET IF WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT!
BUT EVEN IF WE WERE...
WE HAVE THIS HIDEOUT THAT MY FATHER DESIGNED!
TO YOUR STATIONS!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID THAT IT'S FUTILE FOR HUMANS TO RESIST THE DEMONS!
HAVE DEMONS COME?
MY BRO ISN'T HERE! WE NEED TO RUN, NOW!
ARE YOU PLANNING TO PUT UP A PATHETIC RESISTANCE AND THEN DIE?
HUMANS CAN'T RESIST THE DEMONS. BUT THIS HIDE-OUT...
CAN.

CLENCH
...AND...
WE CAN'T RELY ON WIZARDS...
...

WHOOOOOSH
RATTLE
WAH...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WIZ-ARD-SAMA!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?


PLEASE, TALK TO ME...

OHO.
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?